Alonzo Case
Memories
His Story
Kellogg Story
Letters



- ALONZO GROVE CASE OUTLINE -

* John Case - One of the earliest Simsbury settlers - 1669 - farmer and raised stock - had 10 children

M. Sarah Spencer
Elizabeth - b. 1658

Mary - b. 1660 John - b. 1662 William - b. 1665 Samuel - 1667 Richard - b. 1669 Bartholomew - b. 1670 Joseph - b. 1672 Sarah - b. 1676 Abigail - b. 1682

* Son John Case - b. Nov. 5, 1662 - Also a farmer had 6 children

Mary Olcott
 John B. - b. 1685
Sarah Holcomb
 John B. - b. 1694
 Daniel - b. 1697
 Mary - b. 1698
 Jonathan - b. 1701
 Sarah - b. 1703
 Hannah - b. 1709

* Son John B. Case - b. 1694 - Farmer

Abigail Humphrey
John - b. 1718
Noah - b. 1720
Capt. Charles - b. 1723
Abigail - b. 1725
Mary - b. 1727
Lucy - b. 1732
Martha - b. 1735
Capt. Job - b. 1737
Lydia - b. 1741

* Son Capt. Job Case - b. 1737 - Farmer - Capt. in Revolutionary War - State legislature -10 children Johnna Wilcox

> Job - b. 1758 Joanna - b. 1760 Violet - b. 1762 Ariel - b. 1765 Lucy - b. 1767 Asenath - b. 1770 Betsey - b. 1775 Frederick - b. 1777 Grove - b. 1779 Friend - b. 1781

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Rachel Lura - b. 1796
Job - b. 1805
Celia Weston
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* Son Job - b. 1805 - Stock raising and was first to raise tobacco in Farmington Valley - Helped to construct some of the several bridges across the Farmington River - State Legislator - Capt. in cavalry in State Militia - 5 children - House at intersection of Terry's Plain and Ferry Rd.

Abigail Phelps
Rachel Lurinnah - b. 1829
Ariel Job - b. 1831
Alonzo Grove - b. 1834
Oliver Cromwell - b. 1839
Abbie Jane - b. 1846

- * Alonzo b. 1834 Farmer house on Terrys Plain Rd. just North of Ferry Lane
- * Attended Joe Toy's funeral decided to volunteer
- * Alonzo mustered Aug. 1862 Co. E, 16th Regiment, Conn Volunteers - 1st Sargeant
- * Brother Ariel J. Case mustered Aug. 1862 Co. E, 16th Regiment, Conn Volunteers - Private - Promoted 2nd Lt. Co. H, 16th Regiment 7-1-63.
- * Brother Oliver C. Case mustered Sept. 1861 Co. B, 8th Regiment, Conn Volunteers - Private - Killed Sept. 17, 1862.
- * Trained in Hartford Steamed to New York City on the "City of Hartford"
- * Steamed to Elizabeth, NJ on the "Kill Von Kull", then the train to Washinton, DC
- * Sept 7, 1862 Muskets, tents issued
- * Sept 17, 1862 1st action Antietam Creek, MD Gen. Burnside VS Lee
- * Case wounded bullet passed through knapsack and leather belt flesh wound.
- * Case and brother Ariel bury brother Oliver
- * Sept 22, 1862 Lincoln declares Emancipation Proclamation
- * Sept 26, 1862 Case moves to Antietam Iron Works
- * Oct 28, 1862 March to Lovettsville, VA

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- * Nov 2, 1862 March to Waterloo, VA
- * Case arrested for discharging weapons in camp
- * Nov 15, 1862 March to Sulphur Springs, VA
- * Nov 16, 1862 March to Town of Liberty, VA
- * Nov 17, 1862 March to Elk Run, VA
- * Nov 19, 1862 March to Falmouth (opposite Fredericksburg)
- * Dec 12, 1862 Crossed Rappahannock into Fredericksburg
 - * Dec 14, 1862 Withdrew to camp
- * Jan 13, 1863 Case commission 2nd Lieutenant. Receives sword from Simsbury, probably from relatives
- * Jan 25, 1863 Lincoln replaces Burnside with Hooker
- * Feb 6, 1863 Case goes to Newport News, VA stayed until March
- * March, 1863 Left by boat for Norfolk, VA, then by rail to Suffolk, VA
- * Apr 11, 1863 Rebel action begin seige of Suffolk
- * Apr 13, 1863 Rebel action
- * Apr 24, 1863 Rebel action 1 killed, 7 wounded
- * May 3, 1863 Rebel action 2 killed, 3 diEd of wounds Rebels left Suffolk
- * June 6, 1863 Marched to Portsmouth, VA, then to Yorktown, VA
- * June 26, 1863 Boarded transport up Pamunkey River, then to White House Landing
- * July 1-3, 1863 Gettysburg Meade VS Lee
- * July 1, 1863 Marched to King William, VA, then Brandywine, VA
- * July 3 & 4, 1863 Destroyed several miles of railroad
- * July 4, 1863 Grant takes Vicksburg from Pemberton
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- * Sept 20, 1863 Battle of Chickamauga, GA
- * Nov 19, 1863 Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
- * Nov 24, 1863 Battle of Chattenooga, TN
- * Jan 20, 1864 Case and regiment leave Portsmouth, VA Camp burned
- * Jan 23, 1864 Arrive by steamer at Moorhead City, NC
- * Jan 24, 1864 Travel by cars to New Bronx, NC., then by Steamer to Portsmouth, NC, then 12 miles up river to Plymouth, NC
- * Mar 12, 1864 Gen. Grant becomes General of the Army
- * Mar 24, 1864 Word received of Confederate attack on Plymouth Gen. Wessells receives positive word the Rebels were building ram up Roanoke River. Butler says pooh!
- * Apr 17, 1864 Confederates attack Town of Plymouth
- * Apr 19, 1864 Ram attacks two Union gunboats sinks one
- * Apr 20, 1864 Gen. Wessells Union forces at Plymouth surrender to Gen. Hoke
- * Apr 21, 1864 Begin march to Foster Mills, Jamesville, Williamstown, and Hamilton, NC
- * Apr 25, 1864 Reach Tarboro, NC, then Wilmington, NC, then Florence, SC, Charleston, SC, Savannah, GA, and finally Andersonville, GA prison. Officers on high ground
- * May 1, 1864 Officers moved in cars to prison at Macon, GA
- * May 5, 1864 Battle of the Wilderness, PA
- * May 11, 1864 Battles at Spotsylvania, PA
- * June 3, 1864 Battle of Cold Harbor, VA
- * June 27, 1864 Siege of Atlanta, GA begins
- * July 21, 1864 Seige of Petersburg, VA begins
- * Jul 28, 1864 Case and officers moved in cars to Savannah, GA Old U.S. Marine Hospital as prison
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- * Sept 13, 1864 Case moved to Charleston, SC prison

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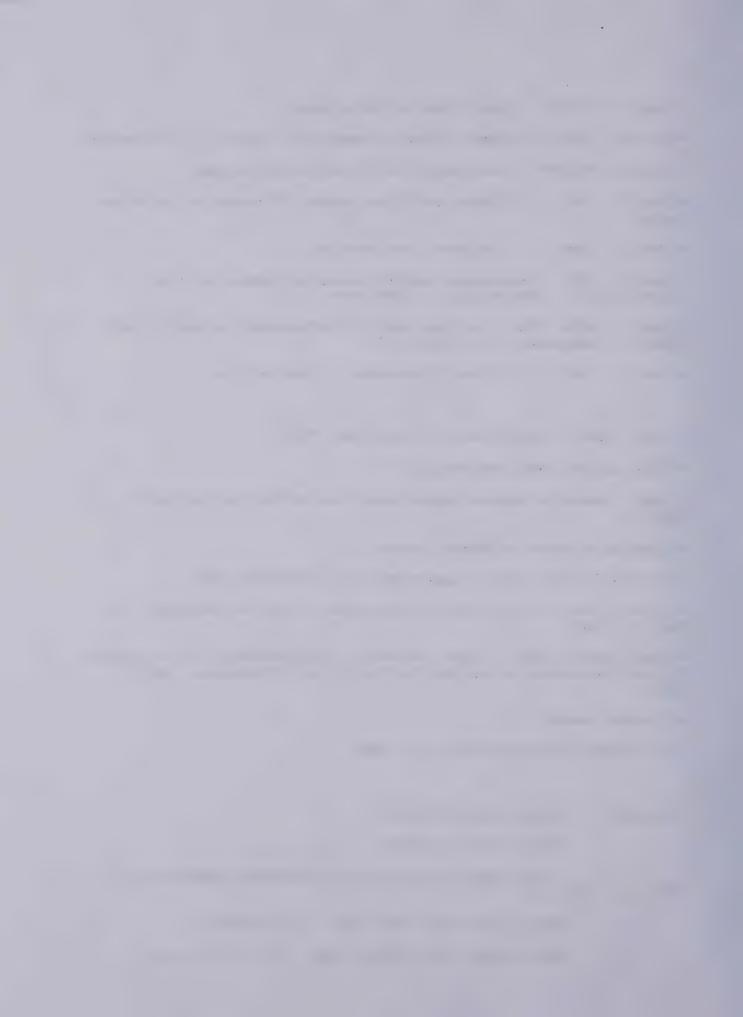
- * Sept 31, 1864 Under fire of Union guns
- * Dec 25, 1864 Sherman gives Savannah to Lincoln for Christmas
- * Winter 1864/65 Case moved to Columbia, SC prison
- * Feb 17, 1864 Columbia and Charleston, SC occupied by Union forces
- * Feb 28, 1865 Lt. Alonzo Case paroled
- * Apr 2, 1865 Petersburg and Richmond evacuated by the Confederates Lee escapes to the west
- * Apr 8, 1865 Gen. Lee surrenders Confederate Forces to Gen. Grant at Appomatox Court House, VA
- * May 15, 1865 Lt. Case discharged lost 40 lbs.
- * 1887 Ad to sword owner in New York "Sun"
- * Case answer with credentials
- * Capt. James A. Marrow sends sword for \$0.50 via Southern Express
- * Case gets sword & thanks Marrow
- * Marrow invites Case to go hunting in Clarkville VA
- * Sword given to Lt. Case at promotion to Lt. at Falmouth, VA Jan 13, 1863
- * Same sword given to Capt. Marrow at his promotion from private to 1st Lieutenant after the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864.
- * Present 'sword.
- * Lt. Alonzo Case died Dec 17, 1899.
- * Sequel I James Alston Marrow

Born: March 5, 1842

Joined 2nd North Carolina Volunteer Regiment in . 1861 as a Private

Then joined the 12th Reg. as a Private

Then joined the 55th NC Reg. (A.P. Hill) as a



Private

The 55th joined the Army of Northern Virginia after the battle of Plymouth, SC, however Marrow was not at Plymouth having joined a few days prior to the Battle of the Wilderness

Was in 1st day's fight at the Wilderness, May 5, 1864

One of seven to survive

Received First Lieutenant's commission in the field

Received Alonzo's sword

In war four years. No scratches.

Died September 3, 1916

* Sequel II - May 1992, Mr. & Mrs. Linton Ward of Clarksville, VA arrive at SHS. Dorothy Marrow Ward is greatgrandaughter of Capt. Marrow. Introduced them to Harriet Bidwell, grandaughter of Alonzo G. Case.

Both held sword that their respective forebearers used in the Civil War.



Alonzo G. Case

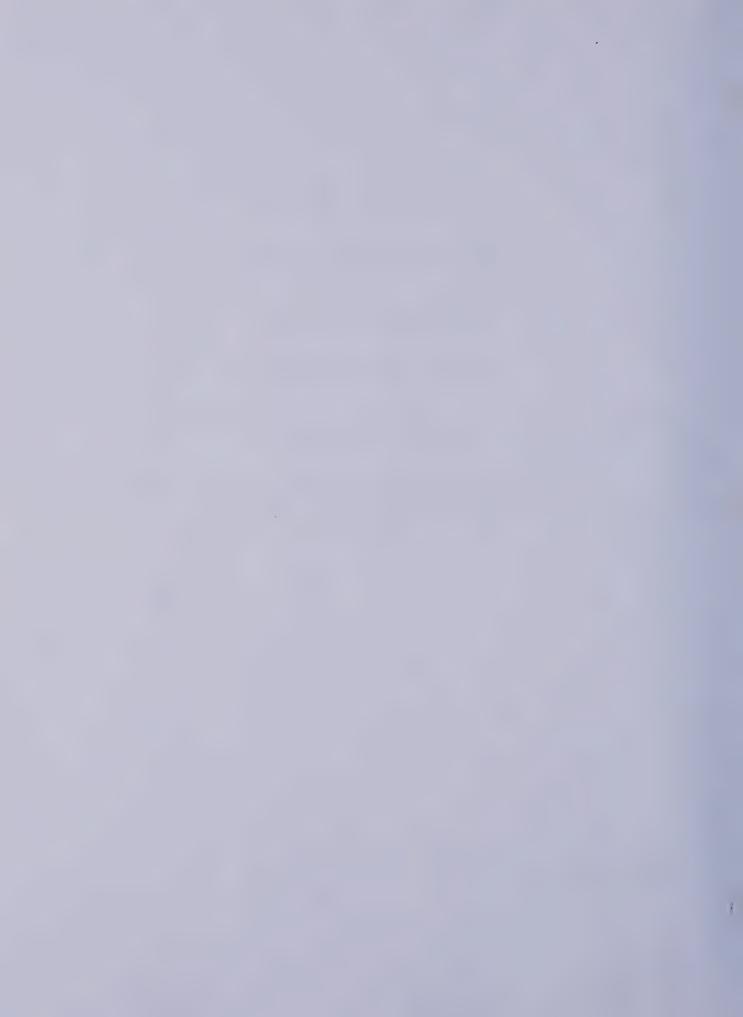
His Civil War Experiences

Told in His Own Words

Part 1—Recollections

Part 2—Memories

Compiled by Richard Converse Fort Mill, South Carolina



VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT

STATE of CONNECTICUT

TOWN of SIMSBURY

I, <u>Alonzo G. Case</u> born in <u>Simsbury</u> in the State of <u>Connecticut</u> aged <u>28</u> years, and by occupation <u>a farmer</u>. Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have voluntarily enlisted this <u>7 th</u> day of <u>August</u> 1862, as a soldier in the Volunteer Regiment of Connecticut, to serve the UNITED STATES FOR THREE YEARS, OR DURING THE WAR with persons owning allegiance to and in open rebellion to the United States Government, unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and to be subject to orders from the Federal Government; do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing as are, or may be established by law.

And I, <u>Alonzo G. Case</u> do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the **United States of America** and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me; according to the Rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States.

Sworn and subscribed to at <u>Simsbury</u> 7 th day of *August* 1862, Before

(Faded Signature) Justice of Peace

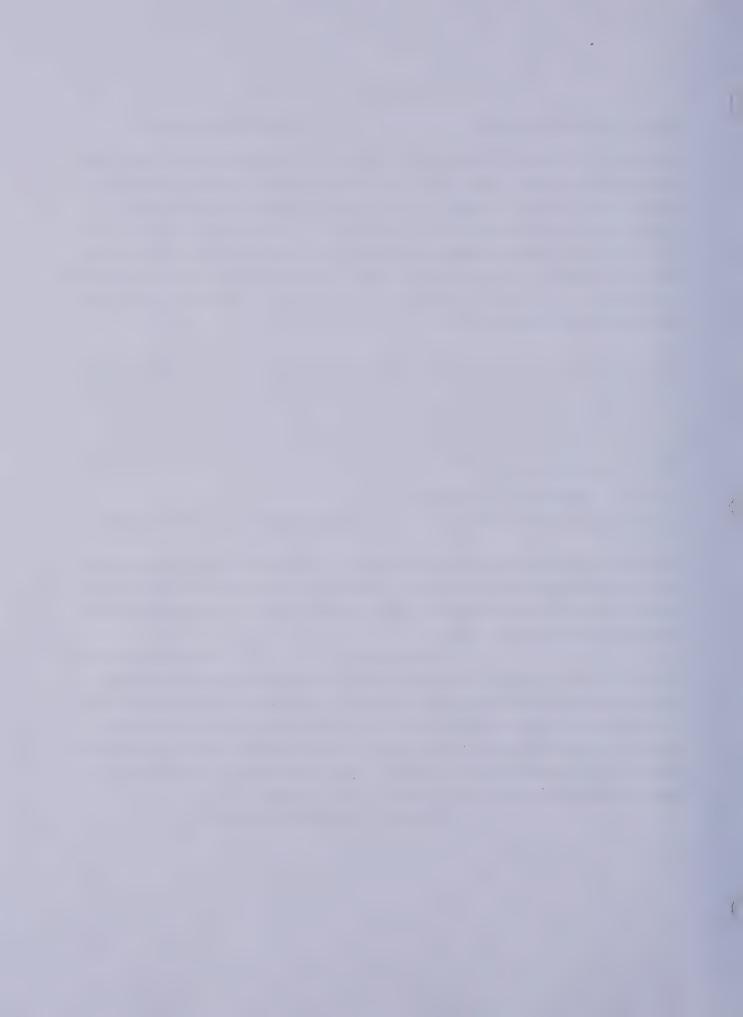
I CERTIFY ON HONOR that I have carefully examined the above named Recruit, to the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity, which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

(No Signature) Examining Surgeon

I CERTIFY ON HONOR, that I have minutely inspected the Recruit <u>Alonzo G.</u>

<u>Case</u> previous to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that to the best of my judgement and belief he is of lawful age; and that in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the Recruiting service. This soldier has <u>blue</u> eyes, <u>light</u> hair, <u>light</u> complexion, is <u>5</u> feet <u>11</u> inches high.

Watson L. Wilcox Recruiting Officer



Alonzo Grove Case was mustered into the 16th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry as a Private on August 7, 1862.

Before he left his wife, Julia Chaffee Case, he wrote a note to her in a family memory book. It is in the possession of Alonzo's great granddaughter, Charlotte Bidwell Bacon. As he wrote these words he never could have realized the horrors of the Civil War he would have to experience; the death of his younger brother and his capture and imprisonment for over 10 months. He wrote:

"To my Wife"

"Life's journey is a weary one. We are called to pass through many afflictions, but these trials are nothing if we but put our trust in God. We may be called to separate in this life but we know there is a future that we shall soon pass into where there will be no parting. Whenever you chance to look at these lines think of this, and look well to your own salvation."

"Simsbury Aug. 16, 1862

Your Husband

A. G. Case"



Recollections of Camp and Prison Life By Alonzo Grove Case 16th Regiment. Connecticut Volunteer Company E, 2nd Division, 7th Army Corp, 2nd Brigade Part 1

In April 1861 there was a gun fired that was heard from Maine to California and from Florida to Washington. That gun was fired by the Rebels from Fort Moultrie to the United States Flag floating over Fort Sumpter (sic). The firing of that gun caused the President (The Lamented Lincoln) to immediately call for 75,000 volunteers for three months.

The whole North was aroused and the people responded at once. Connecticut sent three full Regiments and in those Regiments Simsbury was represented by several men. The troops were all sent in and around Washington and were constantly drilling and doing guard duty. Until sometime in July the country had got so uneasy that they moved and then the first Battle occurred the Battle of Bull Run. Where the Union army was victorious but did not know it and began to retreat even after the Rebels had commenced to retreat but the Rebels discovered that the Union army were also retreating so their Cavalry followed up the Union forces and almost made the retreat a panic. What was the result of this defeat to the loyal people? Did it discourage them? No. They only clenched their hands the tighter and took in the situation and said with determination this Rebellion must and shall be put down let it cost what it may in money or men.

The President immediately called for 200,000 men for three years and recruiting offices were opened in every city and every large town in the then Loyal States. Connecticut sent ten Regiments to the Front under this call. A very large proportion of the men that had been in the three months service immediately reenlisted for three years and went under this call and Simsbury was well represented and sent some of her best young men. Winter sent in. Roanoke Island and New Berne N.C. were captured, also Fort Royal S. C. New Orleans. The first battle of Fredricksburgh (sic) was fought, then came the spring of 1862 when another call for 200,000 for 3 years came. Connecticut sent Eight Regts. under this call. It was under this call that your humble servant entered the *service* of the United States in that Grand but always unfortunate Regiment the 16th Conn. and you would think that the men sometimes thought so if you had have heard this misquotation as often as I have.—*Man that is born of woman and enlists in the 16th Regiment is of few days and short of rations*.

We went into camp down on the New Haven pike about two miles south of the New City Hall, Hartford and here began our first experience in the life of a Soldier. I thought then that I knew considerable, but before I had been in camp many days I found that I did not know but very little and that little I was not very sure off (sic). I was appointed 1st Seargt. Co. E. Well perhaps some of you would like to know what my duties were. Well it is easier to tell now what my duties were than it is to tell what I done. The duties of First Seargt. are to fall in the company at all roll calls, always at sunrise in the morning and at 9 o'clock in evening and dress parade at sunset and in fact at every time when the company is formed for any duty whatever form them in line and then turn them over to the Commissioned (sic) officer in Command and then take his place on sight of the Company. The orders are always given



to him for detail for guard or any other duty that men are to be detailed for. In fact to see that all proper details are made. But when I went into camp at first I not only detailed men to do the work but went and helped to do the work myself. But I soon go over that part and soon learned to do only what belonged to me to do. Well, we done (sic) routine duties while in Hartford remaining there sometime over a month and finally left the state for the seat of war Aug 29, 1862. It is impossible to describe our feelings when it came to say goodbye, some of

us to wife and little ones other to aged Parents looking to them for support in their old age and perchance others leaving behind sweethearts never perhaps to see them again and in many cases, we know this was fullfilled (sic). Those were sad days and as I recall them after all these years, I sometimes wonder how did we all pass through them, but my friends we none of us know what we are capable of doing until we are put to the test.

The Regiment marched up through the City and embarked on two steamers for New York. At that City we were at once transferred to another steamer and sailed around Castle Garden up the North River to Elizabeth port N. J. Thence by Rail round about through Harrisburgh (sic) & York P.A. to Baltimore thence to Washington which was reached at night and were huddled into some building called "Soldiers Rest". That might have been the right name for it but to me it was anything else but rest for we were (cabudded?) in like so many cattle it seemed to me at that time with nothing but the soft side of board floor to lie on and as I recollect it not planed very smooth at that, and so very hot and the air so foul it is almost a wonder that any were able to move the next day. And I must say that for one I was sick all night and the next morning I was unable to march with the company, but was allowed to pick my way along as best I could as was the case with any "Straggler or Deadbeat" as so many got the name afterward but we got through Washington and crossed the long Bridge into the Sacred soil of Virginia and while crossing that Bridge we saw wounded men for the first time coming from the Second Bull Run battle where Gen Pope was defeated. I can think how I felt as I passed of the end of that bridge and found myself in the land of Rebellion that perhaps the next thing I should see would be a Rebel, but I did not see one that day that I know of, but we went out to Fairfax Heights some nine miles and went into camp or were turned out into the open field with a guard around us with no shelter but the Heavens over us. We looked in vain for the tents that we had in Hartford with the floors in them for the ticks filled with straw and one began to feel as though one were not thought much off (sic) after all. But we were yet green we had much in store for us yet to learn. Well about dark it began to rain and when I woke up I found myself lying in water about three inches deep and I was pretty thoroughly soaked from the crown of my head to the sole of my foot, and when I got up I think I felt about as a hen looks when you pull them out of the Swill Barrell (sic) by the tail. We remained at Fairfax about a week and then we had our arms issued to us and immediately were put on the march to join Gen McLellan (sic) and the army of the Potomac for Gen Lee with the Rebel Army was invading Maryland. We overtook the army three days after leaving Washington and then I saw the Eight Conn for the first time and saw my youngest Brother he being a member of that Regt. My older Brother was in the same Co & Regiment with myself. We all went out together and he found some chickens and sweet potatoes and we had them cooked and had a nice dinner about the middle of the afternoon and then in getting back to the 8th we found them



ready to march so we hurried to our Regt supposing we were to march too but found our Regt had no marching orders. We remained yet another day and then we had ammunition issued to us. We had our muskets several days but no ammunition until now, and now as we had all the necessary implements to fight with we start again to try and catch the main army again. We march on for several days through the finest country in the world. The road full of wagon train loaded with provisions, ammunition and forage for the animals so sometimes we were obliged to march for half a mile at a time in the ditch (That wagon train was some fifteen miles long).

We finally reached the foot of South Mountain the night of Sept 14th just after the fight was over and the main army had gone on after Lee. We went into camp on the Battle field and near where my Company lay were buried a number of men of the 22nd Michigan a new Regt that had just come out. Little did we think how near we were to our first experience in fighting but it was very well that we could not see what was in store for us in the near future. The morning of Sept 15th we crossed the mountain and then I saw the first dead Rebel the bodies had been picked up from the wagon tracks and laid by the side so that we could march through and there were pilled (sic) from two to four deep in some places. It was a sickening sight to me. The faces of nearly all them were nearly as black as the stove. The thought passed through my mind of their friends at home thinking of them lying there and perhaps to be buried in unknown graves for I am told there was a deep concern on the side of the mountain where hundreds of dead were thrown. On the top of the mountain we saw quite a number of prisoners that had been captured by our forces. These were the first live Rebels that I ever saw, and I assure you that I should have fared better than I did if these had been the last that I ever saw, but such was not the case.

We marched the 15th and on the afternoon of the 16th we caught up to the army again and while lying in the road we saw some shells from Lee's guns. Here we heard Rebel artillery for the first in marching into a meadow to go into camp we passed through the eighth Conn Regiment and there I saw my Brother he said we would have a little brush with Lee and that would be all and he would then skedaddle over the Potomac. We went into camp and I slept on our arms, and as soon as daylight the pickets commenced firing on each other for they had not been over ten rods apart all and very soon Lees Artillery commenced throwing shells to find out where we lay. While lying there close to the ground there was a shell dropped into the eighth Conn and killed three or four and buried half as many more with earth. They were lying a few rods to our left in a more exposed position those were the first men on our side that I had seen killed. We were very soon ordered up and in passing out of that meadow we were obliged to pass directly in range of the Rebel guns. Here several of my Regt were wounded one piece passed so near me that it nearly knocked me down. Our surgeons horse was badly wounded at this point by a piece of shell striking him in the side but we soon got away from that trouble and we were marched through hollows and over hills through corn and swamp finnaly (sic) were halted on a hill where we could see the battle afar off.

Here we had a view of a battle that I suppose a very few have had the privilege to witness. That is to see a battle going on where you can see a large part of it and not taking any part themselves, and we did not then expect that we should be actively engaged in it at



all. About 11 o'clock in the fornoon(sic) we were ordered to move and we were marched around. It seemed to me that at that time more for exersize (sic) than anything else, and finally down to Antietham (sic) Creek and then were marched through the water being from one foot to three feet deep. After crossing the creek we were marched down about ½ mile and then up the hill and as soon as we were discovered by the Rebels they opened their Artillery on us and you can rest assured that we got our heads down out of sight very soon and as the fireing (sic) ceased we were ordered up again. It seemed to me that the move was all foolishness at the time but afterward could see what of what benefit we had been by simply drawing the fire of the rebels and not being allowed to reply. Soon after we learned that Burnside had been trying to carry the bridge (that now bears his name) and had not succeeded but as soon as we crossed the creek and showed ourselves above the Hill we at once drew the fire of the Enemy. Now was the time to charge the Bridge which was done and was a success, so that we learned that we had acted as a decoy and was a success. But this decoy business was not all the part that we were to take in that now famous battle of Antietam.

We were marched up the hill not far from the bridge and were soon ordered in line of Battle. This was the first time we had formed a line of Battle and had never loaded our muskets so you can see we were in poor shape to be put into the thick of Battle but we marched down into a ravine into a cornfield and very soon found we were in a very hot fire. Our regiment was on the extreme left of the whole army and I staid (sic) in the corn until I looked up the corn rows and saw the Rebels not more than twenty rods from me coming down us, so I concluded it was time for me to get out of that place. I can assure you that I got out in good order all by myself. I cannot tell how or when the rest of the Regiment went for I think everyone got out in his own way. After getting out of the corn the bullets were very thick and many were killed and wounded. While trying to get out of range of the Enemy fire, I soon came across Capt. Babcock of my company badly wounded. I got down beside him and took his sword just at that time Gavett B. Holcomb came up and we went to the Hospital with him. I found my way back about one fourth of a mile and then found a small number of the Regiment lying there and waiting for some orders, soon after riding there I was struck by a bullet and I supposed I had received my fatal wound. I dropped on to the ground and some of the men were going to help me up but I felt I could not be moved finally I began to move one limb and then another and soon found that I was not dead and would try to get up which I did and found that the bullet passed through four thicknesses of my Haversack and two thick leather belts and then its force was stopped but I had supposed that it had passed through my body that night all that I could find was a black & blue spot on my side. We were soon ordered from here and marched down and across Burnside Bridge and into a meadow nearby to camp for the night.

There was less than three hundred of us then where only three hours before there was over one thousand. I went with my Brother to the Eighth Regiment to learn the fate of my younger Brother Oliver and found only eight or ten of his company left from about forty they had in the morning. I was told by a comrade that stood beside him that he fell and he called him by name but no reply. Said he was no doubt killed. The next morning we were marched down near the bridge and lay there all day. No one was allowed on the field as it was held by sharpshooters on both sides. The next day Sept 19 myself and Brother had



permission to go over the field and look for our Brother's body being very sure he was dead. We each took our canteens filled with water and commenced that awful sickening tramp and if I could picture to you the sad sights that we beheld. The ground for acres and miles in length were strewed with dead and wounded and wounded crying for water they having lain there the whole day before and two nights but everyone was looking for some comrade of their own regiment but sometime that afternoon we found the body of our Brother we were looking after. He was no doubt killed instantly the bullet having passed through his head just about the top of his ears. We wrapped him in a blanket and carried him to the spot where the 16 th dead were to be buried having first got permission from the Col of the Eighth & 16th to do so. The 16 th men were buried side by side in a trench and then they dug a grave about 6 from them and we deposited the remains of my Brother in that having first pined a paper with his name and age on the inside of the Blanket then they put up boards to each with name and Regiment on them.

His [Oliver's] body lay there until December when Father went there and brought the body to Simsbury where it now lies to mingle with the soil of his native town. It looked the next morning after fight as if we should not last long for when we went into the fight there were ten first Seargents (sic) and that morning there but four for duty all the rest either killed or wounded and the Captains were in about the same proportion we had only been from home twenty days and only about one third of the Regiment left for duty. I tried to figure out how long the rest of us would last at that ratio. But you see that you cannot figure such a thing correctly for at this writing Dec 20th 1894 four of the original first Seargents (sic) are living. Chamberlain of Co (G??) Grohman Co D, Alz Case Co. E. Bristol Co R. We moved from Antietam the third day after the fight about three miles to a place called Antietam Iron Works where we remained several days. While here we were visited by President Lincoln the only time that I ever saw him while president. The men cheered themselves hoarse at the sight of that man.

We remained in this camp something over a week and then took up the march for Pleasant Valley Md. We reached here about Oct 1 and remained about four weeks. It is quite a pleasant valley but the troops were crowded pretty near together and we had a great deal of rainy weather and no tents except small shelter tents that you could only sit up in and hardly long enough to cover your head and feet at the same time. This camp was about three miles from Harpers Ferry so that we could go down there and see that somewhat Historic spot it being the place where John Brown was captured and afterward hung.

When we moved here we started for Fredricksburg (sic) Va. It was a long and tedius (sic) march the roads being very bad and slippery as no other mud but Virginia mud can be. I've reached Falmouth opposite Fredricksburg (sic) about Nov 14th in plain sight of the Rebels on the heights back of the city. At that the Rebels had no earth works and if we could have crossed then I think we could have driven them out very easily, but we remained here until Dec 10th martiry (?) it was said for Pontoons to come so that we could cross the river when at last the Pontoons arrived the hill back of Fredricksburg (sic) was very strongly fortified. The work of laying the Pontoons was a very difficult task for the Rebel sharpshooters would pick the men off. Finaly (sic) after two or three details had been driven back Capt W. P. Marsh and a company of the Eighth Conn succeeded in silencing their fire



to such an extent as to get the bridge successfully laid. Then on the 12th of Dec 1862 the army finally crossed the river and occupied the City – the Rebels having fallen back behind their works on the hill. The next day the Army was moved over into the ravine back of the city and there was considerable fighting on the right under Hooker and on the left under Franklin but as they were not sufficiently supported they were obliged to fall back. The next day being Sunday there was orders sent to the officers of my Regiment that at 10 a.m. the Heights were to be charged in three lines of battle. The 16th was to be in the second line. There was not to be a musket fired no caps on the guns.

Now imagine if you can such an order and what must have been the feelings of the men. Well knowing that the majority that made that charge would never come back but at the same time the utmost confidence that if properly supported the Heights would be carried. Officers took each other by the arm and gave each other the address of their wife mother or sweetheart and each one promising to write in case they came out alive. Well 10 o'clock came no order to move and then it was said we should move at 12 noon. 12 o'clock came no move. Than it was said we would move at 2 p.m. but before that hour arrived the order was countermanded and you can rest assured so far as the writer was concerned he felt a great relief for although I should not like to be called a coward I never felt like running myself up in front of the Enemies guns for the sake of being shot at. Just at dusk that night the Regiment was ordered on to the picket line over in the ravine at foot of Heights. We were to move as quietly as possible so as not to attract the attention of the Enemy when we got in position and were lying down I saw a man asleep with a good blanket over him so I with another officer lay down beside him putting our rubber blankets on the ground and two woolen ones over as I got as close to our sleeping comrade as possible and took a part of his blanket he sleeping too sound to be disturbed and when I awoke in the morning I found I had taken all of his blanket and upon getting up found that my bedfellow was dead. And they all had quite a laugh on me for robbing a dead man. There was one thing certain he did not disturb me and I am just as confident that I did not disturb him. Very soon after some of the Comrades of his Regiment came and carried his body into Town he belonged to some New York Regiment. We remained on the outpost until the following night when we marched back into town and had orders not to speak above a whisper and to secure everything that would make a noise like a canteen or tin cup. Of course with such orders I expected we were to make a charge and supprise (sic) the Rebels as it is about ten o clock P.M. We soon were on the move and after marching through several streets I saw that we had turned towards the river and soon found ourselves on the Pontoon bridge and then across the river. I can assure you I felt relief when I found the River between me and Fredricksburgh (sic).

We went at once to our old camp about one half mile distant and each one crawled into our own tents nearer dead than alive. For we had been across the river three days and although had not fired a shot there had been that terrible strain on our nerves which had been worse than going into a fight without knowing anything about it beforehand. I never shall forget the first morning of the battle of Fredricksburgh (sic).

Our camp was about one half mile from the river and we were all sleeping soundly about half past A.M. when over 100 pieces of Artillery all belched forth at one time. It seemed to



me as though Earth trembled where we lay and the men were all out in Co Street within five minutes expecting orders to move but we remained in camp until afternoon before we crossed over. We remained in this same camp until Feb 7, 1863 or nearly two months after the battle. We were doing pickett (sic) duty and river bank and all other routine duties of camp life.

The railroad bridge across the river at this point. The centre (sic) span of which had been destroyed a distance of about 50 feet so that we put a sentry on duty on one end and the Rebels had one on the other. One night a member of the 4th RI. Was on that post and the Reb Sentry asked him what Regiment he belonged to and he answered 104th RI.

What says the Rebel has Rhode Island got 104 Regiments in the field. Yes was the reply and she has 104 more all ready to come. I speak of this for it seems to me that this sentry had a better knowledge of the Geography of the country than the average Reb Soldier. Our duties here were regular routine duties until the 9th of Feb '83 when we were ordered to pack up everything and get ready to move. We were marched down to Falmouth and put on hand cars and run from the(re) to Aquia Creek, and then went immediately on board Transport not knowing our destination nor caring for we knew full well we could not get a worse place than the one we had just left. We went down the river and finally anchored of Fortress Monroe. There was a place of a great deal of interest to us.

Here one can see the armed vessels of all nations at anchor and then on our right is that large Fortress capable of holding 20,000 men and one that the Rebels never got into their possession. My thought as I got the first view of it was that it looked like a large Resevoir (sic) although there were a few guns on the top of it. It is one of those forts that seems to be almost impossible to be captured there is masonry on the inside but the outside is earth all nicely grassed over. I suppose the top is twenty feet thick and at the base perhaps fifty feet and one side is one the beach while the other three sides have a deep canal some twenty five feet wide with only one draw to enter the fort and that is protected very strong so as I said it is almost impossible to capture it. We lay here a few hours and then weighed anchor and went up the James River about ten miles and landed at Newport News.

After landing we ascend quite a steep hill and then come on to a large sandy plain there we find barracks for the men and houses for the officers. Two companies in each barrack and about six officers in each house. Now we begin a new life. We are in better quarters than we have ever had and no mud in a very few days. We have improved so much that we scarcly (sic) recognize ourselves. While sitting in my house I can see the wrecks of the Congress & Cumberland that were sunk by the Rebel Ram Merrimack before the little Monitor came down and gave her battle and sent her over towards Portsmouth to sink which saved all the fleet around Fort Monroe from being lost for it looked at that time we had nothing there that could compete with her.

We supposed when we came here that all the Ninth Corps was to be with but only the third division come, and Burnside with the other two divisions sometime after went out to Tennessee. While we remained at Newport News we had a very pleasant time although we were having company and Regimental drills every day while the weather was pleasant and



could go down to Fort Monroe very often as the Steamer went down and back twice a day and it cost nothing so we made a very pleasant trip with very little expense.

This was our first experience in doing guard duty in strictly Regulation Style having rocks for the muskets of the Guards while of their (heat?) and having the Grand Rounds made by the Officer of day of the Regiment also of the Brigade. I never shall forget my first experience as officer of the Guard at this place. The Sentry rang out "Grand Rounds." Guard fall in. The men fell in at once myself on the right and when we were all formed there was still two muskets in the rack. The General rode up and asked me where the two men were that owned those muskets. I told him that I did not know unless they had gone to their Quarters. He told one of his orderlies to get off his horse and get the two muskets. You can well imagine my feelings at that time. He started to obey but just before he had placed his hands on them the sentry on No. one whose business was to guard them brought his gun to a charge and told him he could not take those guns. I felt relieved for I could not bear the idea of any one coming and carrying of our guns while we were on duty. The General then told me to find the men and make them stand extra two hours as a punishment for going to their quarters to sleep when off Post. You can rest assured that was a good lesson for me.

We remained in this camp about two months or until early in April when we were again ordered to pack up and went on board Transports for we knew not where, but when we finally landed it was at Norfolk, Va. duty about Seventeen miles sail. We went ashore and lay in the street, all the evening when we learned that we were to be put aboard of cars and sent to Suffolk VA a distance of about thirty miles. It was very cool that night so the Post Quartermaster told the officers they could go down and get into a passenger car that stood on the siding and the train would stop and hitch us on when it came down. So into the car we went and made ourselves very comfortable for the night. We had been there about an hour when we heard the train coming and they passed us very rapidly we soon made up our mind that the Reg. had gone to Suffolk without us. Col Burnham sprung to his feet and says what is to be done now. The Regiment has gone and not an officer with. He at once sent to the Quartermaster to have him send and Engine and take us up but he would not saying there was a train going early in the morning and we would have to wait. The officers except the Colonel took it very quietely (sic) and were soon sleeping nicely, but he (the Col) was quite nervous for some time wondering what the men would do without the officers. But morning came and soon found our train moving up through the woods toward Suffolk. On our arrival we found the men near the Railroad where they were unloaded the night before they had a nice cup of hot coffee for us and were apparently as glad to see us as we were to see them. They were not aware of the absence of the officers until they come to get off the train and then they had nothing to do except make themselves comfortable until they had orders from their officers. We marched out about one third of a mile from Town and went into camp on a very nice lot next to the Highway which made us a fine camp while we remained here.

Our first night by some mistake we had no countersign sent to our Regiment so that we were obliged to have one of our own for camp. But some of us wanted to go down town and I found that a green conscript Regiment was doing picket duty between us and Town so I



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One of his earliest letters written to his wife Julia describes the fighting at Antietam, and death of his brother Oliver:



thought I would try and see if "Check" would not let me pass them so I invited three or four officers to go down Town betting them that I could pass the pickett (sic) all right. Off we started were soon challenged "Who Comes here" Friends with the "Countersign" advance one with the Countersign. I advanced and gave him a countersign. He looked up very innocently and says that it is not the one I have. I say that is the one I have. What is Jones"?

He told me so I was all right and we went down town and got supper came back to camp. I soon met the Colonel he said he wanted to go down town but could not as he had no countersign so I told him what it was and he and the Major went down when he found out how I got it.

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Alonzo Grove Case 16th Regiment C.V.I. Part 2 Memories

In April 1861 there was a gun fired that was heard from Maine to California and from Oregon to Florida.

It was the gun that was fired at Fort Sumpter by the rebels in the south at that little band of U.S. Soldiers in the Fort under the command of Maj. Robert Anderson, but that meant a great deal.

It meant that the U.S. flag had been fired upon and that was why it was heard by every one as I have said above. Every loyal heart was aroused and every one felt that that insult to the old flag must be resented.

The lamented Lincoln then president immediately called for 75,000 men for three months for he nor anyone else thought the war would last long.

Simsbury was represented in these three regiments for that was the number that the state sent for three months.

Every one watched anxiously day after day as the news came from the army that was encamped near Washington and seemed to expect to hear that there had been a fight and the rebellion was to an end, but such was not to be, for we waited until the terms of service of the troops had nearly expired before a shot was fired by the army near Washington.

Then they moved to Bull Run and had a slight engagement and commenced a retreat and at the same time the rebels were retreating but they found it out sooner than the Union forces did and immediately followed them up for several miles capturing quite a number of prisoners.

The president called for 200,000 men for three years and Connecticut sent the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th regiments under that call. The country was now beginning to realize that we had something of a war on our hands.

Simsbury was represented in all the above regiments, but more in the 8th, 10th, and 12th than in the others. Some of our best young men were in these regiments.

In the 12th was the lamented Capt. Toy whose military life was short but he saw enough to show to his company what kind of material he was made of, but he soon was stricken by disease and died at or near New Orleans in June 1862. His body was brought back to Old Simsbury for burial and it was at his grave that I made up my mind that it was my duty to enlist and from that day I commenced to muster recruits for a company, for the president had already issued his call for 200,000 more men for three years.

Under this call the 12th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th 19th, 20th and 21st regiments were raised from this state. The 16th was a Hartford Co. regiment and this was the one that I was getting volunteers for and the one that I went to war with.

Co. E. was recruited from Canton, Granby, Hartland and Simsbury so you will see the reason why more men were in this regiment from Simsbury than any other from the state. The company officers were Charles Babcock, Capt., Charles W. Morse, 1st Lieut., both from Canton, James C. Emmons, 2nd Lieut from Hartland.



We went into camp at Hartford early in July on the New Haven Pike about ½ mile south of the so called South Green.

Here is where the duties of your humble servant as a soldier commenced. I was 1st Sargent of the Co. and as I knew no better did a great deal more work than I need to have, for it was my duty to see that others did instead of doing it myself.

We had a very pleasant camp and everything was comfortable although there was fault finding about many things, but the men did not know as much about a soldier's life as they did after they had been in the field six months.

We were doing guard duty at camp, also guarding the arsenal some three miles north. The men were compelled to march up there with heavy overcoats on although in July it was quite a task to march up there.

We were drilling every day so that we had about all the exercise we needed. But camp life in Conn. was soon to come to an end and so on the 29th of August 1862, we bid farewell to Old Connecticut and all the loved ones to go we knew not where, only to help put down this rebellion.

We marched from camp up to the city and down to the steamboat dock, [at the] foot of State Street. Had everything that a soldier is supposed to need, except arms and ammunition and these had not yet been issued to us.

Six companies went aboard the "City of Hartford" and the "Geo. C. Collins" and set sail about three o'clock in the afternoon. It was then I began to fully realize that I was leaving home with so many chances of not coming back.

We had a very pleasant sail down the river and with nothing of special through the night. Although we were very much crowded, we reached New York next morning in good season. Landing somewhere near South Ferry and there we were given some rations with hot coffee by the good people of New York.

Then we went on board the steamer "Kill Von Kull" and then again set sail and our next landing was at Elizabeth, N. J.. We went on board cars here and started for Baltimore going via Harrisburgh (sic). Arriving in Baltimore about nine o'clock the next morning. Here we were given a very good breakfast and after waiting for some time we again boarded a train for Washington, DC.

We arrived in Washington late that evening and were put into some very miserable quarters called "Soldier's Rest" but it was anything but rest for me that night. For I was sick all night but when morning came I felt some better.

About 9 o'clock A.M. the regiment fell in and passing through the city we went direct to Long Bridge where we halted for some time. It was here that we first saw what a bad thing war is. For here we met the wounded and dead being brought from the battlefields of the Second Bull Run after Pope's defeat.

We crossed the bridge and marched some five or six miles out on Fairfax Hill near Fort Mead. It was nearly night when we arrived here and it soon commenced to rain and rained very hard all night. Our tents had not arrived and we thought we had a pretty tough time of it for the first night out.



We remained here about a week, taking our leave for this camp Sunday noon Sept 7th, after having our muskets issued to us. We marched back to Washington arriving there about sunset. We marched until 9 ½ o'clock that night having marched about 19 miles that afternoon which was pretty hard as it was very hot and dusty.

The next day we only marched about three miles to Leesboro where we halted for rations. We remained two days and had ammunition and shelter tents issued to us and these were quite welcome for we had been without tents since we left Hartford, but notice they never furnished us with ticks and straw and floors to the tents.

After leaving the state Sept 9th, we marched about fourteen miles to Brookville. The next day about fourteen miles to Mount Leabanon. Sept 13th we marched through New Market and encamped just out of town.

Sunday morning Sept 12th we marched to Fredrick City as Gen. Burnside had driven the rebels out of there two days before.

Our marching these days was very hard as the road was full of wagons for 10 or 12 miles for the army of the Potomac was about two days in advance and we were trying to march with the wagon train that being in the rear of the army.

The next day we marched about twelve miles to South Mountain and went into camp on the battle field of the day before. Here for the first time we saw dead and living rebels, for we met several squads of prisoners and the barns and sheds were filled with the wounded. While on the side of the mountain could be seen rebels and union men picking up their dead and burying them. (The rebels were there under the flag of truce.)

We now began to realize that we were near the scene of conflict. We marched to Reedysville and halted for some time. Here for the first time I saw the smoke from shells at a distance. When we moved from here we moved up to the front and were brigade with the 8th and 11th Connecticut and 4th Rhode Island.

Here we loaded our muskets and marched over the hill into a meadow and it is now getting dark. We were ordered to lie down on our arms for the night.

We were on the left of the brigade. Here we rested very well. Little knowing what was in store for us the next day. As soon as it was fairly light the next day the rebels began dropping their shells over near us to see if they could feel where we were, but we lay so close to a little hill that the shells just passed over us without doing harm. The 8th Conn. were less fortunate. They were at the extreme right of the brigade nearly one half mile from us and on higher ground.

There was a shell dropped into them and the dust was so thick that it was several seconds before you could see them. When we did there was only two or three moving to assist the wounded. As I think there was two killed and three or four wounded.

We were soon ordered to move from here and in passing out of this meadow we passed in short range of a rebel battery.

In passing we had several wounded of the regiment. One man of my company, S.J. Bunnell of Hartland.

We marched down through a ravine and up on higher ground where we remained for two or three



hours and had a fine view of the fighting up on the right which was now at its height.

The whole line of battle was about four miles in length and our brigade was on the extreme left, so that we were some ways from nowhere than fighting near "Dunker Church".

When we moved from here we followed along the ravines and finally came down to Antietam Creek. Without further ceremony we waded through. It is about 2/3 as wide as the Farmington here in Simsbury and from six inches to 2 ½ feet deep.

After crossing the creek we moved along down on the bank so that we were out of sight of the rebels. But soon we were ordered up the hill and as we came in sight the rebels commenced shelling us. Then we would lie down and seek shelter.

Very soon we were ordered up again with the same results and this was repeated several times. It seemed to me like boys play at the time but now I see it in a different light.

Burnside Bridge about ½ mile from here was what our forces were very anxious to capture and hold and they had charged it several times and been unable to take it. We were ordered down to ford the creek and draw the fire of the enemy so that we could charge the bridge and hold it and that was what we accomplished.

Our regiment being new 1000 strong was much larger than some of the old brigades, so in that event we helped capture the bridge although not within ½ mile of it and without firing a shot or losing a man. But it was for the 11th Conn. to have the honor of carrying the bridge. This was about 11 o'clock A.M. that the bridge was captured.

We were moved around to different points until about 3 P.M. when we were ordered into a corn field with the 4th R. I. on our right. Here we were ordered to lie down. We were soon under a galling fire and men and officers fell dead on the right and left. Finally the rebels came down on our flank and we got out of there the best we could.

All A.P. Hill's division had just arrived from Harpers Ferry and were thrown onto us so it would have been folly to have remained there longer as we should have all been killed or captured.

In going back to the rear I found my Capt. (Babcock) lying on the ground. I supposed dead but finally succeeded in getting him up and sending him to the hospital.

When I got back nearly out of range I found quite a number of the regiment and we remained there awaiting orders.

While here I was struck by a bullet that went through four thicknesses of my knapsack and leather body belt and knocked me down and I supposed had passed through me, but as I began to move one leg and then the other I found I was not so bad off after all. It left only a black and blue spot the next day.

We soon passed from here down towards the creek and crossed the bridge and went into a meadow for the night.

Everyone feeling very sad to think that a few hours before with nearly 1000 men and never after that did we ever get 500 together. I always felt there was some bad mistake made in putting us into so hot a place when we knew nothing about the duties of a soldier.



The next day after the battle the field was held my sharpshooters so that it was the 19th before we could go and pick up the wounded or bury the dead and now comes the hardest sight.

The dead lying so near together that one might step from one to another without touching the ground and then the wounded begging for help and water.

I had a brother in the 8th Conn, and I knew he did not come off the field with his regiment, so myself and brother (Ariel) with me in the 16th were looking for his body and as [I] saw those terribly wounded men that I knew could not live, I felt that I had rather find him dead than in such a state of suffering. Finally we found him lying dead. He must have been killed instantly.

We got help and had him buried near the men of the 16th. I rolled him up in my woolen blanket and pinned a paper inside and out with his name, Co. and regiment on it and then painted head boards to mark the grave.

His body remained here until Dec. when father went and had it brought to Simsbury for burial. These were sad days for me.

The next day the 20th we marched about two miles and joined the rest of the brigade and on the 26th we moved to Antietam Iron Works.

Here President Lincoln reviewed the Army. Oct. 3rd there were many sick at this time. Oct 7th we marched over the mountain and about six miles to Pleasent Valley. Here we remained three weeks and it rained a great deal and many were sick and sent to hospital that never returned to the regiment.

Oct. 28th we were on the march again and it was very hard, for the clay ground was very slippery and it was a terrible strain on the men.

We crossed the Potomac and passed through Lovettsville and went into camp about ½ mile beyond. Here we remained until the 30th.

We were on the march by sunrise and went into camp about 11 A.M. near Wheatland. Here we remained until Nov. 2nd when we moved about 9 A.M. with five days rations. We continued marching until Nov. 7th when we reached Waterloo in a miserable rain and snow storm and without rations. I knew the men offer 25 cys. for a hard tack.

The mud had been so bad that the team could not keep up. We remained here until Nov. 15th and while here it was that Gen. McClellan was relieved by Gen. Burside and while here Capt. Babcock of Co. E. returned from home, He having been away since the Battle of Antietam where he was wounded and at this camp I was put under arrest the first and last time while in the service.

Our muskets had been loaded for some time and Lieut. Commanding Co. E. told me then First Sargent to have the muskets brought to me and I was to throw the ball and shoot them up into the air so that the men could clean them. I had fired off several of the guns when I heard Capt. in command of the regiment call to the officer of the guard to send a Corporal and two men and arrest me but I went along without them to headquarters and reported.

I found the Capt. sitting there smoking his \$50. Meershaum pipe and one would judge by his look that he commanded the whole army.

He said, Sargent did you fire off that musket in camp. Yes sir. Did not you know that it was



contrary to orders to fire a musket in camp. I had orders from Lieut. Morse to do so but that made no difference with him.

He told me that I was to be confined to my quarters under arrest. So I went back to my little shelter tent and made myself comfortable while all the rest were around in snow and rain.

Along in the afternoon there came orders to have the regiment fall in. Well Sargent Lee tried to fall in Co. E. but he could not call the roll without a book and I had not had one for some time. Lieut. Morse came to me and wanted me to call the roll. I refused to do any duty while under arrest.

He went to headquarters and soon came telling me the Capt. wanted to see me. When I got up there he wanted to know if I thought I could now do duty and obey orders? I told him I thought I could for I always had. Then said he, report to your company for duty. Thus ended my first and last arrest.

The regiment marched out about one half mile up into some woods on a hill and there we lay on our arms.

I soon saw Ajt. (Afterward Lt. Col. Burnham) and Capt. Comd. looking with their field glasses and the Ajt. asked me if I could see those troops over in the valley. I said yes, but they were our own men and the Capt said he knew they were rebels and we were to be attacked.

I took the glass and told them that they were our own cavalry going into camp, but the Capt. still insisted they were rebels. (He was always a little nervous under fire). We stayed here all night and then back to camp safe and sound.

When leaving here Nov 15th we marched to Sulphur Springs and our cavalry and batteries had a slight brush with the enemy.

The 16th (Sunday) we march to the town of Liberty. The 17th went to Elk Run, the 18th we made a very long and hard March. 19th we marched all day through Falmouth and went into camp in the mud where we remained some time.

We had marched about 175 miles since leaving Pleasent Valley and now we were opposite Fredrickburgh (sic). We could see the rebels on the opposite side of the river in the city and they at once commenced throwing up earth work on St. Mary's Heights and here we remained until Dec. 12th.

The pontoons having arrived on the 10th. The work of putting them in the river was very dangerous as the Rebs. pickets opposite would pick off the men.

Finally Capt. W.T. Marsh with a company of the 8th Conn went down and crossed the river, drove the pickets in and so the bridge was soon laid.

It was nearly night of the 12th that we crossed over into the city. The rebels having fallen back to the heights. We lay in main street that night. The buildings were nearly full of holes from shells and many dead were here killed by them.

The next day we lay in line of battle but were not engaged as we were held in reserve. Sunday, Dec.14th we were ordered to have no caps on the guns as we were to charge the heights at 10 A.M. We well knew that if we went many would never come back to tell the tale.



Everyone was telling the other of the name of his father, mother or sweetheart that they could write to them in case they were among the slain.

10 o"clock came and then the order said 12. 12 o'clock came and soon after it was said the order was countermanded.

That night we moved out to the front and lay on picket until the next night when we came back into the city and had orders to speak only in whispers and were soon on the march and finally down to the river and across the pontoon and then we found that we were the last troop to cross the bridge, which if we had have known before I think we should have been a little uneasy.

We arrived in our old camp soon after midnight and I can assure you that we were very tired. Although so far as our regiment was concerned we did not fire a shot. Many of the men were sick and the quarters were very bad.

Dec 24th Lt. Col. Cherrey resigned on account of wounds at Antietam. The 27th Ajt. John N. Burnham was commissioned Lt. Col. and took command (as Col Brock was absent sick)

This seemed to be the making of the regiment and from this time we began to improve. About this time Dr. Mayer from the 11h Conn. was appointed surgeon of the regiment and he looked after the food And Quarters and we began to see what it was to have someone that looked out for our welfare.

We remained here until Feb. 6th in this miserable muddy camp. We were doing picket duty on the river which was very severe on the men.

The 13th of Jan I commissioned as 2nd Lieut. as Capt Babcock and Lieut. Emmons had gone home.

A little incident happened on the railroad bridge that showed that the Reb Sentry knew more of the size of the states than many of them did.

About 50 feet of the bridge in the center had been burned and we would put a sentry out on the bridge at night. The Rebs. doing the same. One night the Reb called out yank what Regt is yourn. The reply was 104 R. Island, says the Reb. has R.I. got 104 regiments. Yes and 104 more ready to come. Ever after that we used to call the 4th R.I. 104 times.

Feb. 6th we packed up about 4 A.M. in a drenching rain and marched to Falmouth, where after standing until wet through went on board freight cars and were soon en-route for Aquia Creek.

Here we were put on board the steamer "John S. Brooks" and reached Newport News the afternoon of the 8th.

Now at this place we began to know what it was to have comfortable quarters and nice dry ground. The men occupied barracks, two companies in each and here it was that we learned to do guard duty up in a No.1 style. For this was the first time we had had any place where we could.

We remained here until early in March. We left by boat for Norfolk and from there by rail to Suffolk. When we reached Norfolk it was dark and quite cold. The men pulled down board fences to try and keep them warm while waiting for the train.

The quartermaster told the officers that they would go in a passenger car that was down on the



siding and that we could go in and make ourselves comfortable for the night and the train would take us on when it came down. So into the car we went and bunked down but had hardly got to sleep when we heard the train coming with the men on board and that train did come and went past us and never so much as thought of stopping. But left the officers of the regiment in a car while they went on without them.

The Col. tried to get an engine to take us up that night but could not, but there was a train going early in the morning.

Well the next day found us in Suffolk and found the Regt. all safe and sound, for when they got off the cars and found that the officers were not there the first Sergeant took command and everything went well.

That day we moved past town about one fourth of a mile and encamped on a very nice ground right on the highway, but we were left without the countersign and we could not leave camp.

I found out that some Penn. conscript Regiment were doing duty so I invited three or four officers to go to town and get supper.

We had gone but a little way till we were challenged. I answered friend with the countersign. I advanced and gave the Sentry a countersign. He looked up to me in such an innocent way I shall never forget and told me that was not the one he had. I said that is mine, what is yours and then he told me what it was. I gave it to him and he passed us into town.

When we came back to camp the Col. wanted to know where we had been and when I told him, he said he could not get away because he had not the countersign. I told him what it was and then he made me tell him how I got it. He said my cheek ought to carry me through.

We had a very nice camp here and were not much annoyed by Rebels, but our Gen. Peck was always digging and fortifying and seemed so excited at times that he could hardly contain himself.

Apr. 11th the Rebs drove in our pickets and Gen. Peck rode into camp nearly falling from his horse and ordered the men to beat the long roll and fall in. Col. Beach was standing in front of his tent and he told Gen. Peck that he would frighten the best of troops and that his men would not move until he got the order through the proper channel.

So the Gen. was obliged to go back and issue his order, so we moved up to our position at the earth works. The Rebs attacked us about two days after, but the artillery soon silenced them.

The 24th of April, the 13th Indiana, 11th and 16th Conn. were ordered out to feel of the enemy. The regiment captured a picket post with an officer and five men and drove the main body inside their works, having found out all they desired, returned our loss was one killed and seven wounded.

Everything was quiet until Sunday May 3rd when we went out again on the opposite side of town and had quite a sharp engagement for several hours. Our loss was two killed and three died of their wounds. Capt. Tenant, Co. D. being one of the number.

Sargent Blakeslee was wounded in the head in the very same place that he was at Antietam. Supposed to be fatal but he soon recovered to be able for duty very soon after.

Soon after this the Rebels left Suffolk and we had no trouble. About June 1st the regiment moved



from here and went into camp about three miles from Portsmouth. Our forces having left Suffolk and come nearer where the line was not so long to defend.

Here we had a beautiful camp right on the Elizabeth River. Plenty of oysters with ten rods of camp or we could buy them for thirty cts a gallon.

We had been here but a short time when we were ordered to be ready to move in light marching order with three days rations. Officers to have no baggage. We left camp about 11 ½ o'clock P.M. Dark as pitch and marched through the woods about three miles to Portsmouth and went on board transport about 3 A.M. The Capt of M. Company was taken sick soon after leaving camp and went back so that I was alone in command of Co. E.

We arrived at Yorktown about noon and went into camp on the old historic ground. We remained here a few days or until June 26th, when we marched to the Wharf and went on board transport and went up the Pamunkey River to White House Landing.

Spears cavalry had been here one day in advance and drove the Rebs out capturing about 100 prisoners.

July1st we were on the march again and after a hard long march arrived at King William Court House. We were on the road early next day and marched to Brandywine about 8 miles. July 3rd we marched until one o'clock P.M. when the whole army had to halt on account of the intense heat. I had about forty men in the morning and when we halted had but ten left, but they all come in before night.

Two or three men of the regiment never did any duty after that days march. That same evening we marched about three or four hours to a place called Taylors Farm.

The next day was July 4th. We did not do much as we with one or two other regiments were in reserve. While some went on as far as Hanover Court House and destroyed several miles of railroad and then returned.

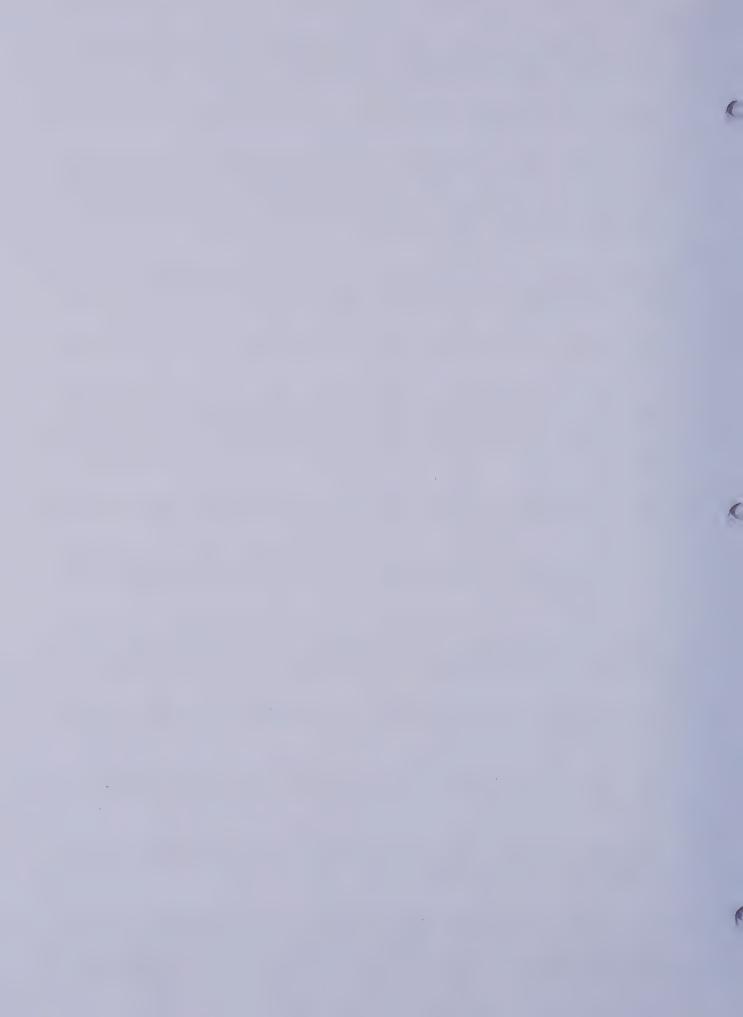
This move I think made Lee think he had better not stay around Gettysburgh any longer. The troops returned to us the 5th and that day about 8 P.M. we found the Rebels were after us. We started back for White House. About three A.M. we halted for about two hours at Ayletts.

The march that night was very hard. The men had but very little sleep for two nights and would get to sleep while on the march and when the order came to halt they would drop in their tracks and be sound asleep.

We marched from 5 A.M. to about 3 P.M., when we went into camp near Henry William Court House. This was a drenching rain storm. The next day we marched to White House reaching there about 11 A.M.

The next day we started to march to Hampton Rhodes and after several days of hard marching as the roads were muddy and slippery so that when we arrived at Fortress Monroe. I expect we were the dirtiest looking set of men you ever saw.

We went on board transport and soon landed in Portsmouth and then marched back to our old camp. Arriving there the afternoon of the 14th having been gone over two weeks without change of clothing and not many rations. Although we picked many bushels of blackberries and ate them. So that this raid is known to us as the "Blackberry Raid". We now went to work fixing up our



camp which became one of the finest I ever saw.

We had a chapel built and a hospital for now it looked as though we might remain here some time. The men raised their tents up and were all fixed up very neat.

About the middle of Sept. I got leave of absence for fifteen days to come home. My father and father Chaffee being sick. It was very difficult to get it but by persistent effort I succeeded and while on my way home it was the first time that I ever had an attack of chills and fever, but before I returned there was an order for certain number of officers and men to have leaves. This fall nearly all the officers and a great number of the men had a chance to visit the state of Conn again.

My brother A.J. was 2 nd Lieut. Having been commissioned July 1th, 1863. He went home on leave in Dec. and when he returned in Jan. (about the 6th) his wife and mine came back with him. There were many misgivings among officers and men about having their wives come at first for fear that the men would be rough and ungentlemanly but nothing was farther from the fact. It seemed as though every man tried to see how well he could behave in the presence of ladies.

Time passed on very pleasant until the 20th of Jan. /64 when we got orders to be ready to move at an early hour next day. I know of no time while in service that we felt so sad about moving as this. We had expected to remain all winter and at this time the 8th and 11th Conn. of our brigade were home on veteran furlough and were expecting to come back here and form a Conn. Brigade with the 15th and 16th.

The officers and men had expended more than \$2,000 fixing up their camp and they felt very sore and at a very early hour in the morning the men had their things packed and tents struck and then by some cause unknown to me the camp took fire and what was the beautiful camp of the 16th Conn. The night before was soon in ashes.

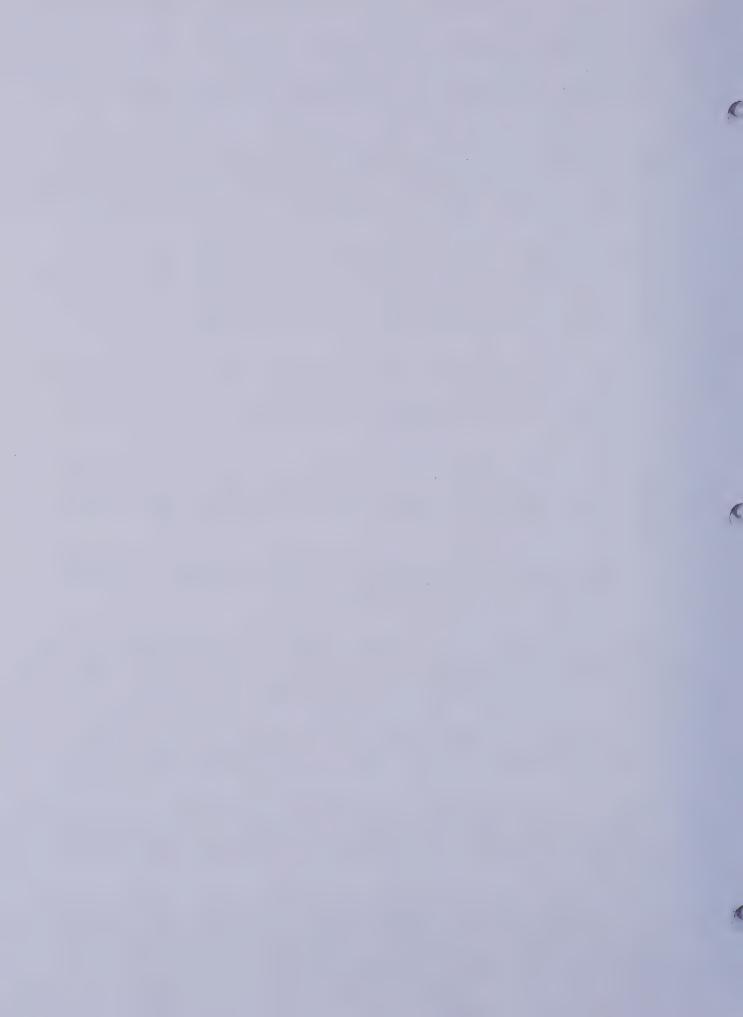
No government property was burned for the men kept that well away from the fire. I was officer of guard that morning and I heard that the Gen. was to send some men to guard us, and soon I saw a large guard coming from the 13th Indiana towards our camp.

I went outside the camp and asked the officer in command what his orders were. He said it was that he should guard all Gov. property. I told him we could guard all that in our camp, that he must stay outside and he said he was very willing to do so, for we were on the best of terms with them. So that is all there is to a story that circulated somewhat that the 16th had mutineed.

We were early on board of cars for Portsmouth and when we arrived there the Regt, was put in the main street and lay there until night when Co. E. R. G.& B. went on board the steamer "G, R. Spalding", the remainder on the "Vidette". After a very fine sail we arrived at Moorhead City, N,C, the 23rd.

The Regt. and what ladies were along went at once aboard cars for New Berne. I remained behind with the guard to load the baggage from the boats to cars, so that it was about 10 o'clock at night when I reached New Berne and soon after midnight we were on board the steamer "John Farron" enroute for Portsmouth.

We had a pleasant sail through the Albermarle and Pamlico Sound passing Roanoke Island where Burnside had fought a year before. We passed about nine miles up the Roanoke River to Plymouth arriving there about midnight of the 24th. I never shall forget my first impression of Plymouth. When I fully saw it by daylight it seemed to me it was a little worthless place up in this back country and the soldiers that were here that we came to relieve.



As early as March 24th, 1864, there came a report that rebel scouts were outside and that troops seemed to be concentrating in two adjoining counties and it was supposed they were going to make an attack on Plymouth.

About the same time Gen. Wessels received positive information that the rebels were building a ram up the river. So early in April he sent to Gen. Butler to send him more men and he would go up and destroy the ram, or evacuate the place and go down to Little Washington, New Berne.

Gen Butler told him he had ram on the brain, that there was no ram in the river nor no Rebels in his immediate front and that he was as safe in Plymouth as he (Butler) was in Fortress Monroe.

On Sunday afternoon while the regiment was getting ready for "dress parade" the pickets were attacked and driven back resulting in killing of one man and the wounding of Lieut. Russell of the 12th N.J. Cavalry.

The long roll was sounded and then the Battle of Plymouth very soon commenced in earnest so far as the artillery was concerned. This artillery duel was kept up until some time after dark when all became quiet except an occasional shot until daylight.

Monday the 18th (Co. H. Capt Barnnuas was sent to Roanoke Island Sunday morning so they escaped the fight and also being captured, and Sunday afternoon all women and children that would go were put on board the steamer "Massasoit" and sent to Roanoke Island).

The artillery commenced very early the 18th and kept a very hot fire until nearly noon. Along in the afternoon the rebels made three unsuccessful charges on the center of the town but were driven back each time with heavy loss.

They had to come about ½ mile after leaving the woods across land where the timber had been cut and our forces would keep quiet until they got within 2 or 300 yards of our works and then the infantry would open and the artillery with grape and canister and it would be so hot they could not stand it and would soon break in confusion and go back to the wood before they would stop.

So it made their mortality very large while our troops were behind earthworks so our loss was very small. After they had charges three time and could not come in, then we would have them shell us until after dark when all would be quiet again until next day.

Soon after dark the rebels made a fierce attack on Fort Wessells known to us as, Pecks Folly for it was a small earth fort about 1000 yards outside of the works where the four left companies of our regiment were stationed.

There was about sixty men from the 85th New York. They made a stubborn fight for more than two hours. They had plenty of hand grenades that they used to the best advantage, but they were finally compelled to surrender.

Their loss was not large, but the loss to the Rebels was large compared to the number engaged. It was the finest fireworks I ever saw. The night was dark and the bursting of those hand grenades made a very pretty sight to us, but soon all was as still as death and as dark as tar and then we made up our minds that the fort had surrendered.

About one half hour after (about $10 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock P.M.) we saw a light coming down to the road that crossed the swamp towards our camp and soon heard the pickett challenge them and heard the



Looked as though they had a pretty hard shaking with chills and fever, which we soon found out was the fact. These troops consisted of the 101st, 103 rd, P.A. and 85th N. York. Also 2 companies of the 12th N. York Cavalry and two Batteries with two companies of 2nd Mass. N.A.

I would like to give you a little description of the place. I should judge that before any part had been burned there might have been 1000 people but at the present time I should say that the houses would not shelter more than 200.

The place lies along lengthwise of the river about one mile and then back not much more than 1/3 of a mile to our earth works. We were marched outside of the works to the south of town and went into camp, near what was known as Peck Folly, which was an earth fort outside of the other works and looked to us in case of attack must fall.

Whether the town was captured or not and so it proved, "Name the Name". We fixed up a very comfortable camp as the weather was getting fine. We had at this time several ladies in camp, my wife and my brother's among.

I got lumber and laid a floor to my tent so that we had very cosy (sic) quarters. After a few days we moved inside the works and the four left companies were on the right of the town and the 6 others up in the center about ½ mile apart.

Everything passed along smoothly, drilling, guard and picket duty, until the 3rd of March when we were ordered on board the "John Farron" and starting back for New Berne.

We arrived there at night of the 4th and went into barracks near the Neuse River. On the 11th our baggage arrived and then we learned for the first time that Capt. Mix of Co. B. 16th Conn. had been drowned while going to his regiment from Roanoke Island.

March 20th a part of the regiment were called across the Trent River to Quell a negro riot and soon brought in two or three hundred prisoners and turned them over to the Provost Marshall.

Just after tattoo we had orders to pack up and about midnight we were on board the steamer "Thomas Colby" and soon were off for Plymouth again and the next evening we got out of the channel and grounded. There was a terrible wind and the water froze when it spatted over the deck where the men were lying.

We were here nearly 36 hours and all the time getting worse. When we went to Col. Beach to have him send a boat to Roanoke Island about 7 miles distance, the captain of the steamer said his men could not live in a boat at that time. We found men enough of the 16th and had a boat lowered and with them and some men from the steamer. They started and now imagine us watching them with anxious eyes as the little boat went up and down over the waves, for we were now without food.

They went about ½ way to Roanoke Island when they met a steamer coming to our relief. It was the "Gen. Berry". We went on board of her and that same night arrived back to Plymouth safe and sound.

We now commenced to do regular soldier's duty, drilling, camp and picket and every few days some would go out into the surrounding country and pick up cotton and bacon, corn or any such thing as was of value and when large quantities of provisions were stored that we could not bring in were burned so that it could not help to feed the enemy, for Plymouth was an outpost and everything outside was Rebel.



So that picket duty was always dangerous to be interesting. There had been many pickets posts captured previous to our coming here. The posts were moved after dark from where they had been in day time, so that they could not be located by the enemy and the men on post had orders to fire on anything from the outside without challenging.

Here I will tell of a little experience I had that made my hair stand on end for a short time. I had aline of pickets nearly ½ mile and I intended to visit them every night between ten and eleven o'clock for the Gen. officer of the day would come out about twelve to find out if all was well.

I started from my reserve to cross the field one very dark foggy night and in going among the stumps and briars I missed an old cart path that I expected to go in and the first I heard was a gun cocked as though to fire.

I dropped onto the ground and then I was outside the picket. I call out "For God's sake don't fire" and then asked the sentry which way I must go to find the trail and so I commenced falling over stumps and briars and all the time I think feeling pretty nervous for fear some one might shoot at me.

For I think I was nearly ¼ mile from the sentry when I first heard the click of the gun, but I finally reached him safe and sound and from there I concluded to go back to the reserve and visit no more that night.

When the Gen. officer of the day came he wanted to know if all were doing their duty. I told him my experience. He said he guessed he would take my word for it and go back to camp. Now I was not hurt in all this but I was pretty well stirred up until I felt I was safe, where I was not in danger of being shot at any time.

Now our duties here were only the regular routine of a soldiers life. There were a few families still living here in town, but they most of them seemed to be pretty shy of soldiers.

There was one house where the boys had seen three girls that were pretty good looking, but by every means up to this time they were not allowed into the house, but finally by using a little Yankee ingenuity they succeeded in seeing the girls.

Corporal Sam Belden and Private John Quinn of Co. A. brushed themselves up and polished up all their brasses, got a company clothing book and another about the same size and started for the house.

A modest rap at the door brought the father who opened it but a little way so as not to give them any possible chance to come or hardly look in.

Corporal Sam informed him that they had been detailed by Gen. Wessels to take the census of the town and as he knew that Gen. Wessels was in command of the place he knew it was useless to try to stop their entering the house.

When once inside Corp. Sam began asking a long list of questions and Quinn wrote down the answers. All of this took time and before they got ready to go, the boys had got all names and ages and not only that had taught the father and girls that the Yanks were not such a bad lot after all.

For from that time until we left Plymouth those two young men were welcome visitors there and said they spent many pleasant hours in that house.



answer (flag of truce) and wanted to see the commanding officer. Word was sent to headquarters and he came down when a demand for a surrender of the town was made but refused.

The next morning about 4 o'clock just as the moon passed out of sight, the rebel ram came down the river and passed a fort that we had a 200 lb gun mounted that was to have fired at her, but from some unknown cause did not, so the ram came down to where we had two wooden gunboats, the "Miami" and "Southfield". They were lying on each side of the river headed up stream, with a cable streached (sic) across from the stern of the one to the stern of the other hoping to have the ram pass between them and run her prow under the chain and by their steaming up stream to sink the ram.

But that is what the ram did not do but instead turned her prow so that she run into the "Southfield" from twelve to fifteen feet and her stern swung around and rested against the "Miami" where she could not possibly get away and then commenced a hand to hand fight with the "Southfield" fast sinking, taking the ram down with her.

Just at this time Capt Flusser, the Naval Officer in command was killed and then the officer in command of the "Miami" cut the cable that held the two together and backed off down the river and that let the ram swing around and get clear just in time to prevent her from sinking.

The ram floated down about ½ mile and after a while they succeeded in getting the water so that she was all right again. If the commander of the "Miami" had not cut the cable and let the ram loose I think Plymouth had been captured, but as it was we were now at the mercy of the enemy.

The earth works commenced at the river, running at right angles with it about ¼ mile then turning south along about ½ mile and then turning towards the river a short distance where there was a small fort and then the remainder of the distance to the river was unprotected except by the gunboats.

But now they are gone and a Rebel ram in their place. You can see that the out look was not very bright this Tuesday morning April 19th.

Perhaps it would be well to state here that we had about 1,800 men for duty that day. The fight commenced and the rebels had from it to 20 thousand with about 40 pieces of artillery.

They opened on us pretty sharp this morning on all three sides of the town and charged the works in the center but were repulsed.

About this time Maj. Pasco commanding the four left companies where I was, came to me with Col. Fardella, 85th New York commanding this part of the town.

The Maj. said to me that Col. wanted a Lieut. and about 40 men to hold themselves in readiness to charge over the works in case the rebels came up to them in our front and asked me if I would do it. I said I would if ordered to do so knowing full well that of the number that charged over the works few would ever return.

He then told me to do so and that I might pick my own men. I had about 40 men in Co. E. ordered them to fall in and then I told them what was wanted and told them I was ordered to go but I would ask all of them that would go to step two paces to the front and the whole company came right out the two paces.

I was proud of that company at that time. They were more brave than I. I was ordered to go they



volunteered. The rebels to charge up to our works had to come through a kind of swamp until they got within about 200 yard and then come up a pretty steep hill.

Well we watched them and saw them march down into this swamp and pick their way along until they got nearly through and then we would open on them with our muskets and they would get back as fast as they could and not in very good military style.

They tried this three different times and always with the same result. I learned afterward that we kept so quiet that they thought we had evacuated this end of the town for they were making desperate effort to get into the town from the other end and all the troops that we could spare had been sent there.

So that we now had but two companies with us, E. and B., R. and G. having gone to the other end of the town and that was where S.M. Norton, Ord. Seargent of R. Co lost his arm.

So Tuesday night came and we were still in possession of Plymouth but with little prospect of holding it unless reinforcements could arrive from Little Washington or New Berne. Wednesday morning as soon as daylight, they made a desperate attack on the left of the town and by 8 o'clock had succeeded in capturing the men up there and slipped down on to the bank of the river came around inside our works and captured us by detail but not without fearful loss to their forces considering the number we had engaged.

The loss of the Garrison was 15 killed and about one hundred wounded besides the gun boatman which lost about 30. the Rebels acknowledged a loss of 600 killed and 2,000 wounded.

Fort Williams at the center of the town was the last to surrender which was about 10 o'clock A.M. Apr 29th and I can assure you we were pretty well tired out having been continually under arms from Sunday afternoon until Wednesday.

After we surrendered we were marched out side town about a mile and remained there until the next day when we started on the march for we knew not where but supposed Libby.

The issued us about twenty-five hard tacks and 10 ounces of salt pork to each man before we started and that was all we had to eat for the next five days. We marched about 13 miles the afternoon of the 21st, passing through Foster Mills, Jamesville, Williamstown and Hamilton.

We reached Tarboror the 25th and in the afternoon of the 26th all the Plymouth officers with some of the men were loaded into box cars about 50 in a car. We arrived in Wilmington about daybreak the 27th where we crossed the river and again into crowded cars and started south.

We reached Florence south about 10 P.M. Here we changed cars and arrived in Charleston about 10 P.M. Then we were at once put on to another train and lay all night until about 7 A.M. when we started and arrived in Savannah about 2 P.M.

Here, they issued us some rations and another change of cars and we arrived in Andersonville about 2 ½ P.M. Apr. 30th. The Plymouth officers about 110 were up on high ground where they could look over the fort, but were never inside for they would not put the officers and men together.

That miserable Capt. Mertz rode along in front of us and wanted to know what we damned Yankee officers were sent there for. Just at night we were marched up into the bushes and put into a church with a guard around it about two rods from it.



It was pretty chilly and I asked the guard what their instructions were and he said it was to see that you uns did not get away. I asked him if he had any thing to do with that church. He said no so I went in and reported and we took all the benches out and made fires to keep us warm and cook our bacon those that were fortunate enough to have any.

The next morning being Sunday our chaplain gave us a short discourse from the 37 Psalm 1st and 2nd verses. About 9 ½ A.M. we were again put into box cars and started reaching Macon that night and were out into a nice meadow not far from the city. We were called the "Plymouth Pilgrims".

The next day Gen. Howell Cobb road down there and said. "Gentlemen" I am very glad to see you. You are the ones I have been looking for. Why didn't you come to the front and then you could have seen us, said Ajt. Clapp of the 16th but the Gen. made no reply but it is very certain he never did go to the front.

A day or two after Ajt. Clapp was having his hair cut and they cut his ear. A lady was passing at the time.

The next day she sent her little brother down with a pie and a note in it for the man that had his ear cut, saying she was a union woman and sympathized with us.

She afterward assisted officers about escaping and in any way that she could. I had an uncle living but 25 miles from here and I wanted him to know I was here without letting the Rebels knowing that he was my relative.

So I wrote him a short letter and in a few days received one from him saying that he had been to Macon, but was not allowed to see me. Gen. Cobb indorsed on the back that if the gentleman had been refused permission to see the prisoner it was without the knowledge of those at headquarters. If he will apply here he can see the prisoner.

So on the second day of June, the Reb. Seargent (sic) came in and told me that Captain Tabbs wanted to see me out at Headquarters. That was my day for cooking. I was barefoot and had a pair of pants made out of grain bags, not coat or vest.

When I got out into the Capt. Office, a small room just outside the gate, I found my uncle there. You can judge of my surprise but I was very glad to see him. I was allowed to talk with him although the Capt. was in another room not far off.

He told me all he could about the movements of Sherman's army. Also told me that he was positive the Union cause would be a success. When he got ready to go he wanted to give me some eatables which the Capt said he might, if he first examined them.

So he sent his man out to the carriage and brought in a grain sack with about one bushel in it. The captain took it and emptied it out on to the floor and then taking his cane poked it all over on the dirty floor and then told me I might have it.

You can imagine how glad I was to get down and pick the stuff up. Apples, sandwiches, biscuit and cookies. They fairly made my mouth water. When he left he promised to come and see me again but we moved from there to soon for him so that was the only time I ever saw him.

The 17th of May the officers from Libby Prison had been brought to Macon and put into a stockade near where the Plymouth officers were and the next day we were put in with them making



about 1,100 officers together.

We now began to feel that we were in prison for certain for until now we had no stockade and could trade with outside parties but all was now changed. The stockade was a board fence about 10 feet high with a walk on the outside about three feet from the top for the sentry to walk and watch us and at each corner the same height as the sentry was a cannon pointed down into camp and about fifteen feet inside of the board fence was a picket fence about five feet high called the dead line.

We had no business to touch without danger of being shot. We were divided into squads of 100 and I was elected quartermaster of squad nine as that was the one that most of the Plymouth officers were. I had been called quartermaster ever since our capture.

For when we came to Plymouth we were to relieve the three old regiments that were there and the 8th, 11th and 15th Conn. were to join us and form a Conn. Brigade with our Col. Beach commanding and Q.M. Robbins would be brigade q-master and I was to be regiment q-master.

But the three old regiments were captured and instead of going home on veteran furlough they went into rebel prison and most of them never to see their homes again. But the name of q-master stuck to me all through prison and I acted as such for squad nine.

What rations were brought in to headquarters were there divided in thirteen different parts, as that was the number of squads and then I divided into four more as my hundred was divided into squads of twenty-five.

The most of the rations being corn meal and we were charged that we must return the bags. I soon found that some of the bags would be handy to use, so when I found a good one without any marks upon it I calculated that one belonged to me.

As the bags were returned to me from the small squads I would put them all into one and carry them to headquarters and throw them into the pile. Tell them I had returned my bags and have them checked off their books.

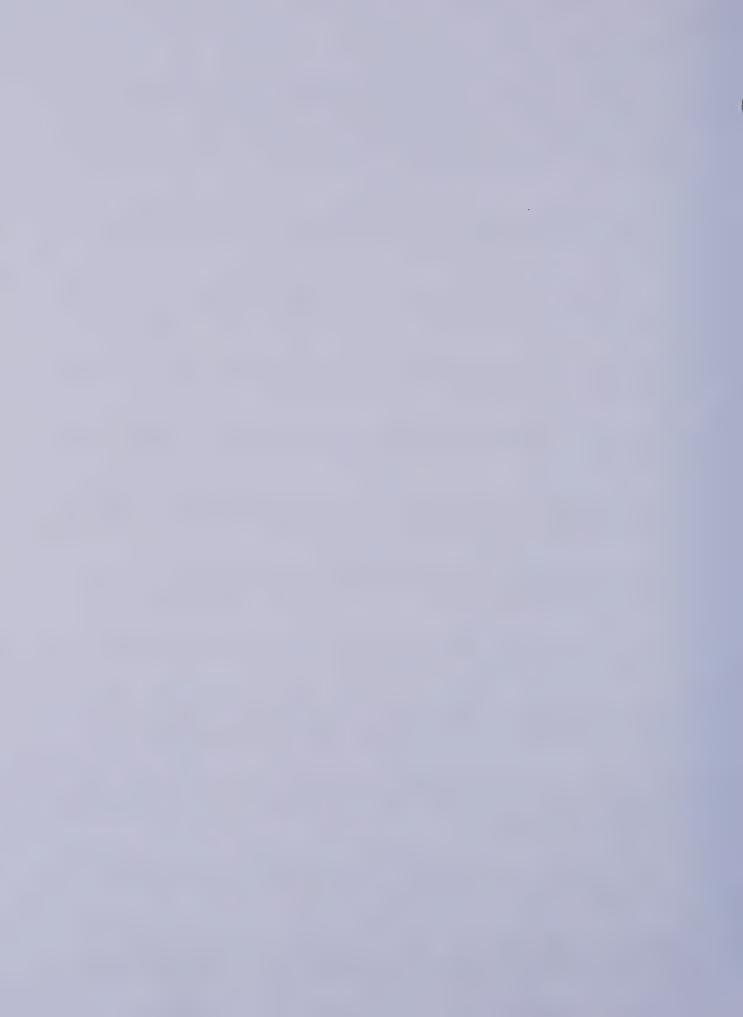
Ajt. J.B. Clapp had told me if I would furnish the cloth he would make the pants. So we soon had pants made from bags that once contained Rebel meal.

We had in camp several chaplains so that we had prayer meeting every Wednesday eve and preaching service Sunday afternoon. We fixed up a platform in front of a building that was in camp that had formerly been used as a fair building. This being the old fair grounds.

Quite a number of the citizens would come in Sunday afternoon to see the Yanks and hear what was said. After two or three weeks the Reb. Comd. Cap. Tabbs issued an order forbidding our chaplains from praying for the president or success of our arms and if this was not complied with they should resort to punishment.

The next sabbath it was to be Chaplain Dixon's turn to make the prayer. We told him that if he did not pray for the president he had better have never belonged to the 16th Conn. But he did not need any such advice for he was all loaded for them.

Sunday afternoon came and when we were all standing as near as we could with a New Jersey Chaplain and Chaplain Dixon on the platform, Capt Tabbs came into camp in full dress with two pistols and his sword, carrying a chair in his hand and worked his way up on the platform and sat



down.

The New Jersey Chaplain read a hymn and read selections from the Bible and now it was time for Dixon to Pray. He was a real Methodist and commenced rather low but soon got warmed up and he prayed for all in authority. For the president and all connected with him and that he would bless Sherman and make his campaign a success.

That this rebellion might be speedily put down and traitors punished and that our beloved old flag might soon wave over every village in the United States. Then he prayed most earnestly for the salvation of this man now seated by his side. In short he made the finest prayer I ever heard.

After he had finished the Capt. got up and taking his chair walked down and crowded his way out. As he was getting out I heard him say that, that was a damned smart prayer, but he did not believe it would amount to anything. That was the last we ever heard about how we should conduct our meetings.

Every thing moved along in about the same way day after day and finally July 4th there had been talk of having something of a celebration and there was so much stir in camp that the Rebels had three or four roll calls and had us fall in by squads and be counted.

Finally nearly every one in camp gathered in and around the building and then commenced the speech making and singing the star spangled banner and then there were a number of small flags shown and such cheering as they caused, seemed to make the Rebs. think that something terrible had happened.

They sent a guard in to sieze all the flags, but when they got within a few feet of them they would disappear. So they were obliged to leave camp without any of our flags.

Lieut. Col. Throp of the 1st New York Dragoons was so rabid in his speech that they took him out to headquarters. When the Capt. asked him what is your name. Col. T. J. Thorp. Were you addressing the officers this morning? Col. I was.

Capt. What did you mean by it?

Col. It was the desire of the officers that I should address them which I did as is the custom in our country on the 4th of July.

Capt. Sir, I shall put you in irons and send you to jail.

Col. Very well you can do so but such treatment will not ameliorate feelings towards you or the confederacy in the least. We deem it not only a privilege but a duty to commemorate the 4th of July as the birthday of a great nation for whose defense and perpetuity we are willing to suffer and die if need be.

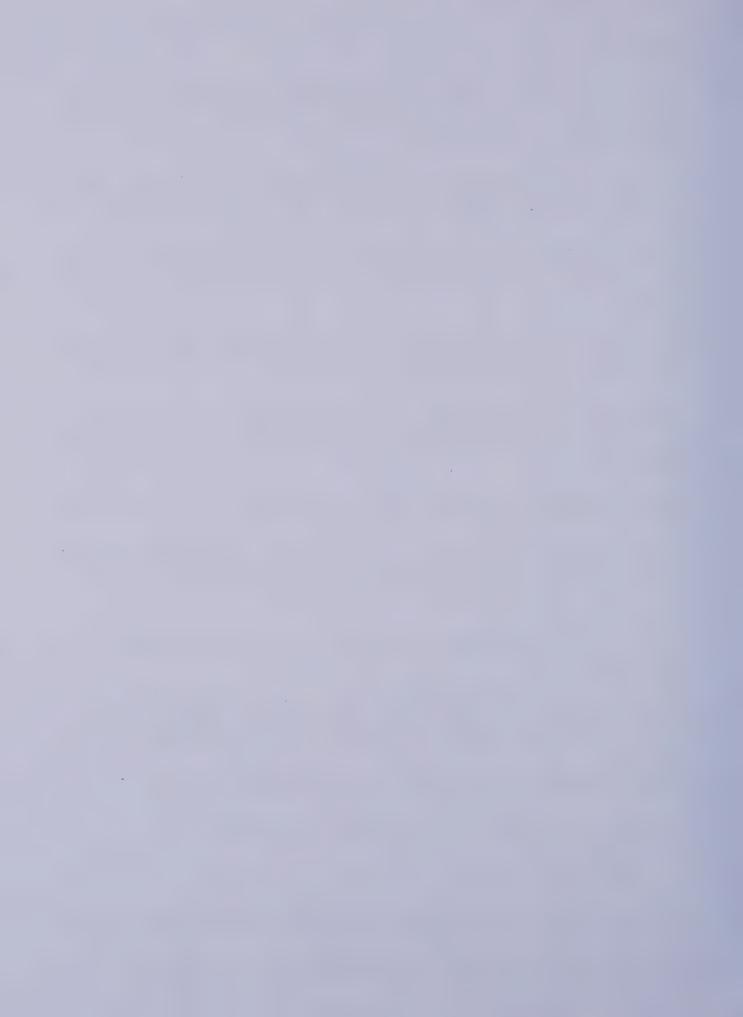
Capt.sent for a guard to take him to jail but before they arrived he repented and sent him back telling him that if he ever made any more speeches he should punish him.

He at once had the following order posted on the bulletin board in camp.

Special Orders No. 8 C.S. Military Prison Macon, Ga July 4th, 1864

1st. Lieutenant Col. Sharp is relieved from duty as senior officer of prisoners of war for a violation of prison rules and Liet. Col. McCrary will assume that position.

2nd. The same order and quiet will be observed on this day as on any other.



3rd. A disregard of this order may subject offenders to unpleasant consequences.

And from this time on we used to laugh at the Col. telling him that he had been reduced to the ranks.

There was quite a move made at one time towards tunneling out and one large one was nearly completed and there was quite a number of men fixing up rations and getting ready to go out in a few days. When a large guard came in and divided into squads and went directly to each place where tunnels were started and running their bayonets down and found every one in camp.

So we knew then that we had traitors in camp, so after that there was a secret society organized but we moved from there such a short time after that it was never of any practical use.

The opening of the tunnel that was nearly completed was under Maj. Pascoes bunk and the reb captain brought in a guard of six men and getting close to the Maj. with the muskets pointed at him. Told him he would give him five minutes to tell him who dug the tunnel or he would order the guards to shoot.

The Maj. told him he did not dig it and if he knew who did he would not tell him. We were all gathered around and the Maj. looked pretty white but told the Capt. he could fire but he would tell nothing so they arrested him and took him out of camp.

The next morning they came in and wanted his blankets, but we could learn nothing of his fate. He was gone about a week when he came back and told us what they done to him. They put him in a cell in jail with nothing but stone floor to lie on and told him they should keep him there on bread and water until he told them about the tunnel.

After keeping him there three or four days they took him out and the officer went all around town with him making quite a lion of him and then brought him back into camp. He said he had had a fine time.

Now I will tell you how three or four of us got a good dinner of chicken. There was a white hen that used to come in just outside of the dead line and we used to throw her crumbs so she got very tame.

We asked the guard whose hen that was and whether he had anything to do with her. He said no, so Ajt. Clapp and myself dug a small hole under the dead line and fixed a string through with a noose and after a while we got it around her foot and through under the fence.

Now the work of picking and dressing was soon done and then to cook her was the longest time for aught I know she was twenty years old. At all events she could not have been tougher if she had been. She was very fat and if we did to have one square meal it is because we were not good judges.

The twenty-eight of July came an order for six squads to be ready to move. Maj. Pasco, Q.M. Robbins, Capts. Mason and Robinson, Burke and Hinty and Lieut. Bruns of the 16th went in this lot. The next day the remainder were put on to cars and were brought up at Savannah.

There was in this lot Chaplain Dixon, Ajt. Clapp, Capt Turner, Lieut, Bowers, Strong, Andrus, Miller, Maters, Landon, Blakeslee and <u>A.G. Case</u> of the 16th. We did not find the first squad here and we knew nothing where they had been carried for a number of days and then we learned that



they were in Charleston.

When we got out of the cars at Savannah the citizens crowded around us. Seemed very curious to see the Yanks and then we would hear the remark that we looked like their folks. They thought the Yanks had horns for that was what they had been told.

We were put into a yard with a brick wall around at the old D.S. Marine Hospital. Here on Aug 17th, Lieut, John M. Maters of the 16th died. He was the only officer of the Regt. dying in prison.

Sept. 2nd the Chaplains and Surgeons were sent to Charleston for exchange, this took Chaplain Dixon and Dr. Nickerson of our regt. We were very well fed while here. There was about 600 of us. They had some kind of tents for the most of us.

About 4 o'clock in the morning Sept 13th we got orders to be ready to move. So every one was busy packing up what little they had of their own and as many bags of the Rebs. as they dare carry. They marched us outside of the brick wall and formed us in line and then we sat down to rest.

I was near the right of the line. I soon saw that a guard had commenced on the left to search the men and if they found any bags would take them away from them. I had my blankets rolled up in a tight roll and strapped tight with at least half a dozen bags.

When they came to me they asked me if I had any of their bags. I told them all I had was my blankets rolled up that they could see, but if they unrolled them they must roll them up as good as they were now. That I had no objection to their seeing all there was there if they put them in as good shape as they found them. Upon that they went on and never asked to have another bundle opened after that, so you can see what a little cheek did for us.

We were very soon marched to the cars and loaded into box cars about forty-five in a car with two guards at each door. We were soon under way and we amused ourselves by stealing all the cartridges from the cartridge boxes of the guards.

Then when night came most of the guards fell off or were pushed off the cards (of course accidentally) so when we reached Charleston, S.C. there was scarcely a guard on the train except the officer and a few in the forward one.

Now when they took a train load of prisoners that had a flat car on the rear of the train and at night with lanterns so they could see if any prisoners jumped off, they could see them and shoot them. So when a guard fell off or was pushed off we would hear the guards shoot at them as they passed.

But we never knew whether they hit any of them or not. We did not know and I presume we did not care much. They put us into the jail yard, a small place about three fourths of an acre and it was all enclosed. The jail on one side the work house on another and high brick walls on the other two.

It was the last day of August and the sun was so hot every one would try and get in the shade by moving from one side of the yard to the other until they would nearly suffocate one another.

We were now under the fire of our own guns that were shelling Charleston. The Union Gen. Foster had some rebel prisoners on Morris Island and the rebels were so angry about it that they threatened to put fifty of us on Fort Sumter and came into the jail yard and told us what they were to do, and had a book to take down the names of those that were to go.



I gave them my name for I told them I wanted to see how Sumpter looked and then I wanted to be as near our own guns as I could get. But Gen. Foster heard what they were doing and sent them word if they put fifty on to Sumpter, he would bind as many on the top of a gunboat and turn it up the harbor.

This was too much for them and they concluded we could not go out to Sumpter. They kept us in this yard three days and never issued us any rations and if we had not kept plenty of rice that we brought from Savannah we should have starved and the rice we boiled in our tin cups and sit there in the sun and eat it with out salt, with a wooden spoon whittled out.

With the thermometer at about 100 most of the time. Now when you come to eat nothing but rice for three days in a scorching sun without salt you will feel as though you wanted a change at least that was the way I felt.

And I thought if ever I got out of that and any one offered me rice to eat, I should take it as an insult. Soon after being put in the jail yard I was told there was a man there belonging to the 16th Conn. I went and found him. He was sitting on the ground nothing but skin and bones and as black as any stove.

I asked him if he belonged to the 16th. He looked up with that vacant look as though he hardly knew what he belonged to or who he was. He finally said he believed he did. I asked him his name and after a while he manages to tell me it was Woodford, Co. I and then I asked him many questions about the boys.

He told me of some that were dead and many of them he could not remember anything about. I asked him if there was anything I could do for him. He wanted some vinegar. I had some acid vinegar sharp enough to eat a hole through a board. I took his cup that would hold nearly a pint and filled it. He took it and drank all of it without so much as stopping to breath as it seemed to me.

I was afraid it would kill him, but instead he seemed all right and wanted more. I told him I would give him more next day but before that time they had taken him out and I saw no more of him.

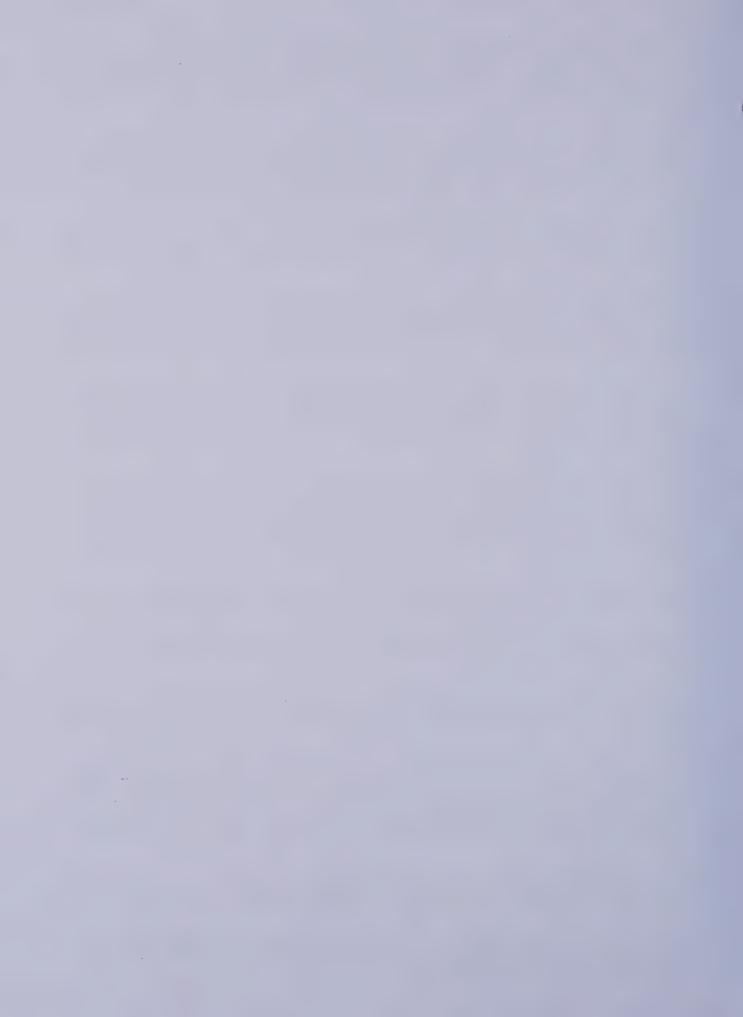
I never supposed he could live to get home but he did and married a daughter of Gen. Jarvis Case and lived a few years and died.

The second night we were in jail yard we had a thunder storm, such as they can have south and that yard was all covered with water from two inches to one foot deep and there we had to stand up and take it.

We tried to have them let us go into the jail for shelter, but no they would not. Although there was only five or six colored soldiers is there from the 54th and 55th Mass.. The third day they came in and told us we could go into Roper Hospital if we would give our parole not to escape and then we found for the first time that the rest of our officers were there that left Macon the day before we did.

So we went in there and had very comfortable quarters and could sit there and watch our guns fire into the city for there were no buildings between us and our guns having all been burnt.

The shells would go over us and up town and we could hear them crash into some building. But all the time we were here over a month there never was but one officer hit and that was a slight bruise on the arm and they fired from 100 to 125 shells a day.



The Regt. that guarded us were in camp up town and it got pretty hot for them so they moved down near us to be safer. There was nothing but a brick wall between us and them, but they had not been there more than two days before our men began to drop shells into their camp and then we would cheer and the third day they set the camp on fire and most of it burned before they could move out.

They were obliged to go up town again where they would try and get out of range of our guns. Now I call that pretty good shooting, it being about four miles they had to fire.

We used to get a paper almost every day and at the top first page it would read about like this, "The Yankees fired 125 Shells into the....

This story abruptly ends here.

Later, Alonzo Case and many others were sent to Columbia, S. C. prison.

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Addendum to Alonzo G. Case's Memories as a Prisoner of War

Alonzo Case was issued a "Connecticut Association Union Ex-Prisoners of War" Certificate in February 1893. It stated he was a prisoner in Macon, Savannah, and Charleston as he stated in his preceding *Memories*. Also, the Certificate stated he was a prisoner in Columbia.

A United States Department of Interior letter dated July 11, 2012 addressed to Mr. [Richard] Converse (the author) said, "He (referring to Alonzo) was sent to Camp Asylum in Columbia, South Carolina." It further states: "He was held in Columbia and was paroled 1 March 1865 at N. E. Ferry, N. C. and was sent [to] an officers hospital on 5 March [1865]." In Alonzo's letter, included in this booklet to his wife, Julia, he tells her he is in Parole Camp, Annapolis, MD in May 1865.

In the magazine *Legacy, Vol. 15, No. 1, March 2011* includes the following about Union officer prisoners of war. General William T. Sherman's Union army forced Atlanta's surrender in September 1864. Confederate officers became concerned about the Union prisoners held at Andersonville, Macon and elsewhere. Rather than leaving them in Sherman's path to the sea, prisoners of war were moved ahead of the advance of the Union army.

Beginning in July 1864 Union prisoners of war were moved to Savannah and Charleston. As Sherman advanced south in November and December 1864 the Union officers were shipped to Columbia.

Camp Sorghum, the officer prison in Columbia, was hurriedly built in what is now west Columbia. When the fist prisoners arrived there in October 1864 the prison did not contain any buildings and it had no surrounding wall. It was a five acre clearing with guards posted around it. Soon after it opened it contained about 1,500 Union officers. They had to dig holes in the ground to live in and food was in short supply. That winter was harsh but few men died.

By December 1864 another prison was found to keep the officers. It was a walled enclosure on the grounds of the State Lunatic Asylum in northwestern Columbia and became known as Camp Asylum. It had a 12 foot high wall with several barracks already built. It imprisoned about 1,200 officers. The prisoners of war were not housed with mental patients. A board fence was erected to separate the prisoners from the patients.

Camp Asylum operated from December 12, 1864 until February 14, 1865 when the approach of Sherman's army through North Carolina caused the need to move the prisoners once again. Prisoners were moved to near Charlotte and to Wilmington, North Carolina.

The war ended when Robert E. Lee surrendered to U. S. Grant on April 9, 1865.



We must turn to B. F. Blakeslee's book *History of the Sixteenth Connecticut Volunteers* for another perspective on being a prisoner in Columbia. He was also an officer of the 16th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry.

"At Columbia we were turned into an open field like a drove of cattle to pass the winter months, without any shelter whatever, neither cooking utensils, axes, spades or anything were issued that would enable us to make ourselves comfortable. With scanty clothing, but few blankets, some without shoes, we were left here to pass the winter as best we could. Rations consisted of cornmeal and rice. Twelve days rations of rice made one meal.... On September 26th and 27th, we had nothing to eat. One or two issues of flour were made, but no meat of any kind provided."

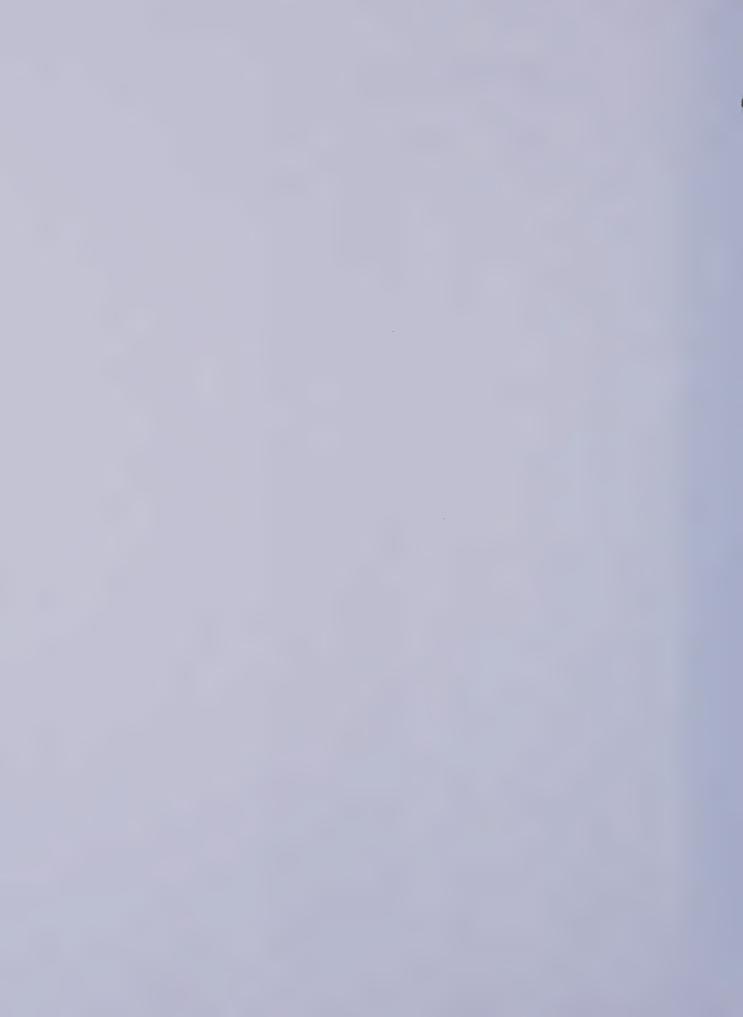
B. F. Blakeslee in his book also stated, about the history of the Sixteenth: "The Sixteenth was always called an *unfortunate regiment*; for if there was any special hardship to endure, the regiment was sure to be called on to experience it, either by accident or otherwise. It was our bad luck."

Alonzo Case may have been involved in the writing the song, *When Sherman Marched Down to the Sea* or at least knew the composer. Alonzo sent home a hand written copy of the song. However, the author of the words on the published sheet music was by Maj. Byers of the Iowa 5th Iowa Cavalry and the music was composed by E. Mack. Case and Byers were listed on the list of prisoners at Columbia at the same time.



Union Soldiers Buried at Andersonville Connecticut Volunteer Infantry 16 th Regiment

	Grave			Date	Cause of
No.	Number	Name	Company	Died	Death
1	3461	Batchelder, Benj	С	7/17/1864	Diarrhea
2	3664	Baty, John	С	7/19/1864	Diarrhea
3	12152	Burke, H	D	11/24/1864	Scorbutus
4	10690	Barlow, O L	E	10/11/1864	Dysentery
5	7763	Bakey,F	Ε	9/4/1864	Dysentery
6	5754	Beers, James C	Α	8/15/1864	Dysentery
7	11863	Birdsell, /d	D	10/28/1864	Scorbutus
8	2256	Bosworth, A M	D	6/21/1864	Diarrhea
9	5152	Brooks, Wm D	F	8/9/1864	Dysentery
10	5308	Bower, John	Ε	8/11/1864	Scorbutus
11	7742	Banning, J F	Ε	9/3/1864	Dysentery
12	8018	Ballentine, Robert	Α	9/6/1864	Dysentery
13	3707	Chapin, J L	Α	7/21/1864	Intermittiet
14	4848	Carrier, D B	D	8/6/1864	Diarrhea
15	6153	Clark, H H	K	8/19/1864	Cerebritis
16	7316	Chapman, M	E	8/30/1864	Scorbutus
17	7418	Culler, M	K	8/31/1864	Diarrhea
18	7685	Carver, John G	В	9/3/1864	Dysentery
19	10272	Coltier, W	В	10/3/1864	Diarrhea
20	8769	Dutton, W H	K	9/14/1864	Dysentery
21	5446	Dugan, Chas	K	8/12/1864	Scorbutus
22	11481	Demmings, G A	1 -	10/24/1864	Scorbutus
23	11991	Demmings, B J	G	11/13/1864	Diarrhea
24	8482	Emmonds, A	K	7/17/1864	Fever Typhoid
25	7346	Ensworth, John	С	8/31/1864	Scorbutus
26	8368	Evans, N L	1	9/10/1864	Scorbutus
27	11608	Emmett, W	K	10/28/1864	Scorbutus
28	4444	Fibbles, H	G	8/1/1864	Diarrhea
29	5123	Florencee, J J	С	8/8/1864	Dysentery
30	5173	Gilmore, J	С	8/9/1864	Diarrhea
31	7057	Gallagher, P	D	8/28/1864	Diarrhea
32	7592	Goodrich J W	С	9/2/1864	Scorbutus
33	7646	Graigg, W	В	9/3/1864	Dysentery
34	3195	Hitchcock, Wm A	С	7/12/1864	Diarrhea
35	3033	Haskins, Jas	D	7/8/1864	Diarrhea
36	7011	Hull, M	Ε.	8/27/1863	Scorbutus
37	7380	Holcomb A A	E	8/31/1864	Diarrhea
. 38	7642	Haly, W	D	9/8/1864	Dysentery
39	7757	Hubbard, H D	D	9/4/1864	Gangrene
40	8148	Hubbard, B	Α	9/8/1864	Dysentery
41	8613	Heath, J T	K	9/13/1864	Scorbutus



42	9120	Hall, B	G	9/18/1864	Annearea
43		Hurley, R A	I .	9/4/1864	Diarrhea
44	5221	Johnson, John	K	8/10/1864	Dysentery
45	7570	Jones, John J	В	9/2/1864	Diarrhea
46	11970	Johnson, CS	Е	11/12/1864	Scorbutus
47	12340	Johnson, W	Ε	12/26/1864	Scorbutus
48	10233	Kearn, T	Α	10/2/1864	Diarrhea
49	3401	Lendon, H	D	7/16/1864	Diarrhea
50	3516	McCord, P	G	7/18/1864	Fever Typhoid
51	4417	Messenger, A	G	7/31/1864	Diarrhea
52	5238	Mickallis, F	F	8/10/1864	Diarrhea
53	5328	Miller, H	Α	8/11/1864	Dysentery
54	6342	Malone, John	В	8/22/1864	Diarrhea
55	7852	Miller, F D	В	9/5/1864	Debiltas
56	8446	Matthews, S J	K	9/11/1864	Scorbutus
57	11487	Murphy, W	С	10/26/1864	Scorbutus
58	5044	Nichols, C	G	8/8/1864	Dysentery
59	4934	Pimble, A	Α	8/7/1864	Diarrhea
60	7487	Post, C	K	9/1/1864	Diarrhea
61	8662	Roper, H	G	9/13/1864	Anasarea
62	8170	Richardson, CS	Е	9/9/1864	Scorbutus
63	10029	Richardson, DT	G	10/2/1864	Scorbutus
64	4722	Sullivan, M	D	8/4/1864	Diarrhea
65	5712	Steele, Sam	С	8/15/1864	Diarrhea
66	6734	Steele, James M	F	8/25/1864	Diarrhea
67	6088	Short, L C		9/7/1864	Scorbutis
68		Smally, L		9/9/1864	Scorbutis
69		Sutliff, J		9/21/1864	Diarrhea
70		Steele, H		10/7/1864	Dysentery
71		Tibbela, Wm		8/12/1864	Diarrhea
72	5222	Wright, C		8/10/1864	Dysentery
73		Wenchell, John L		8/14/1864	Gangrene
74		Way, H C		8/19/1864	Diarrhea
75		West, Chas H		9/6/1864	Fever Typhus
76		Williams, H D		9/17/1864	Scorbutis
77		Ward, G W		2/6/1865	Scorbutis
78	6394	Young, CS	С	8/21/1864	Pnenmonia

Source: Prisoners Who Died At Andersonville Prison--Atwater List Andersonville Guild, Headquarters Andersonville, GA 31711



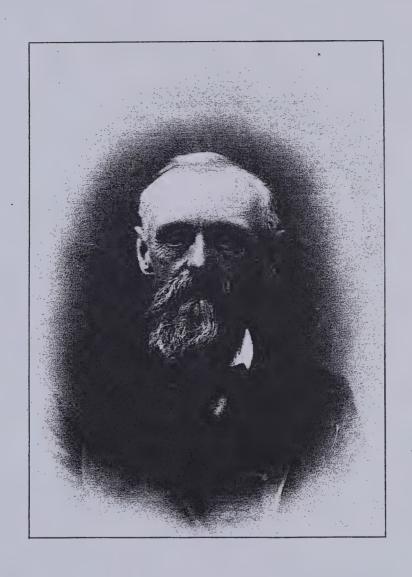
Erection of the Sixteenth Regiment Monument--Selected Passages

At the business meeting of the [CVI] **Sixteenth** Regiment, held at Hagerstown, Md., September 16th, 1889, General J. B. Clapp, presented a resolution asking for a committee of five to take action for the erection of a monument to the regiment on Antietam battlefield. The executive committee, consisting of Col. F. W. Cheney, General John B. Clapp, Captain T. B. Robinson, **Lieutenant A. G. Case**, Corporal W. G. Hooker, and Colonel B. F. Blakeslee, was given power to make inquiries concerning location, price of land, the plan and manner of subscription, and legislative aid.

At the reunion held in Bristol, Ct., September 17th, 1891, Colonel F. W. Cheney reported that he had purchased a lot of land, ten acres in extent, at Sharpsburg, Md., embracing the position held by the regiment at Antietam battle, September 17th, 1862. He formally presented a deed of this lot to the **Sixteenth** C. V. Association. On this lot the monument was afterward erected.

The dedication was on Monday, October 8, 1894. On the morning of the dedication, many are taking a stroll over the fields, locating the place where they bivouacked, or charged, or lay through long hours of danger, when these hillsides were ploughed by cannon-shot and sown with musket-balls. Some find the place where, wounded, they lay through the whole day and night of the bloody strife. Some find bullets and other grim reminders of the past.





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Obituary Alonzo Grove Case

Alonzo Grove Case died yesterday morning at his home in Simsbury, after a long illness, aged 67 years. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the Sixteenth Regiment, C. V., was wounded in battle and his health was shattered in Andersonville prison.

He was a lineal descendant of John Case, in the seventh generation, who first settled in Windsor and in 1669 sold his house and was one of the settlers of Weatogue. Mr. Case was born at the old homestead on Terry's Plains, Simsbury June 7, 1834. He was educated in schools of the town and at the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield. He enlisted in the army in July, 1862, and was in many engagements and in prison. He was promoted to be Lieutenant.

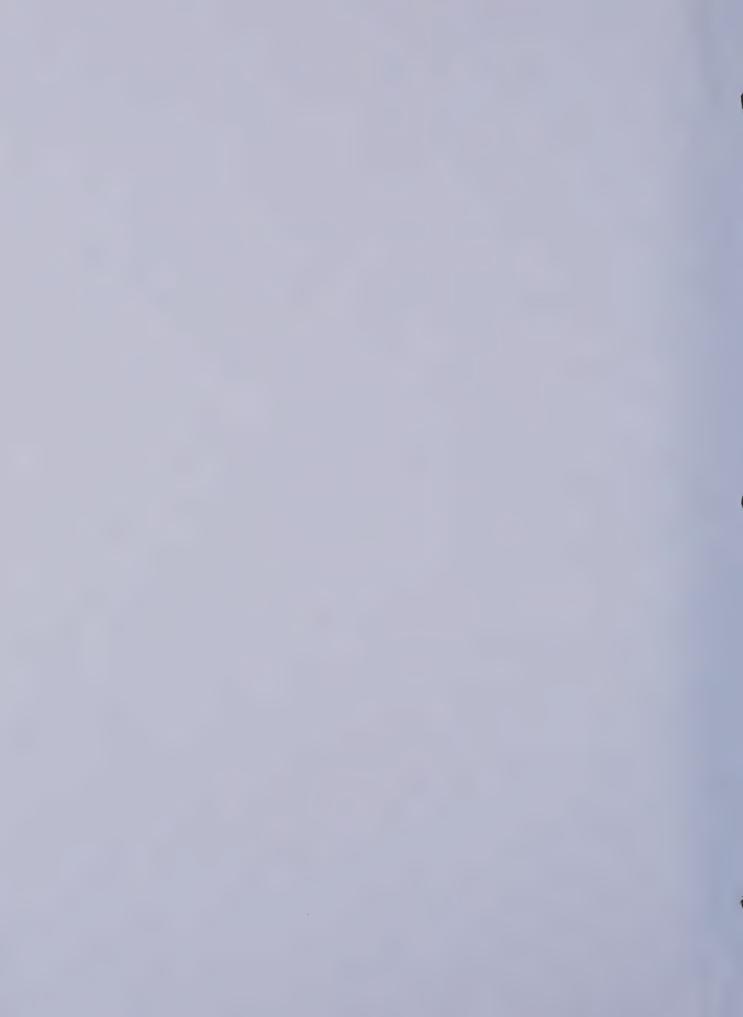
On his return from the war he was one of the well know tobacco growers and stock raisers of the town. Mr. Case married October 19, 1859, Julia Salome Chaffee of Simsbury, and the following children are living: Mrs. Benjamin H. Shelby, Alfred Terry Case, Oliver Phelps Case, Mrs. Albert H. Crosby of this city, Charles Pitman Case and Burton Grove Case. Mr. Case was always a republican, represented Simsbury in the Legislature, in 1867, and has held many town offices of importance.

He was a member of St. Marks Lodge, A. F. and A. M. and of Joseph Toy Post, G. A. R. of Simsbury and of the Congregational Church of that town of which he was deacon.

The funeral will be attended at his late home tomorrow at 1 o'clock and at the Congregational Church at 2:30 o'clock.

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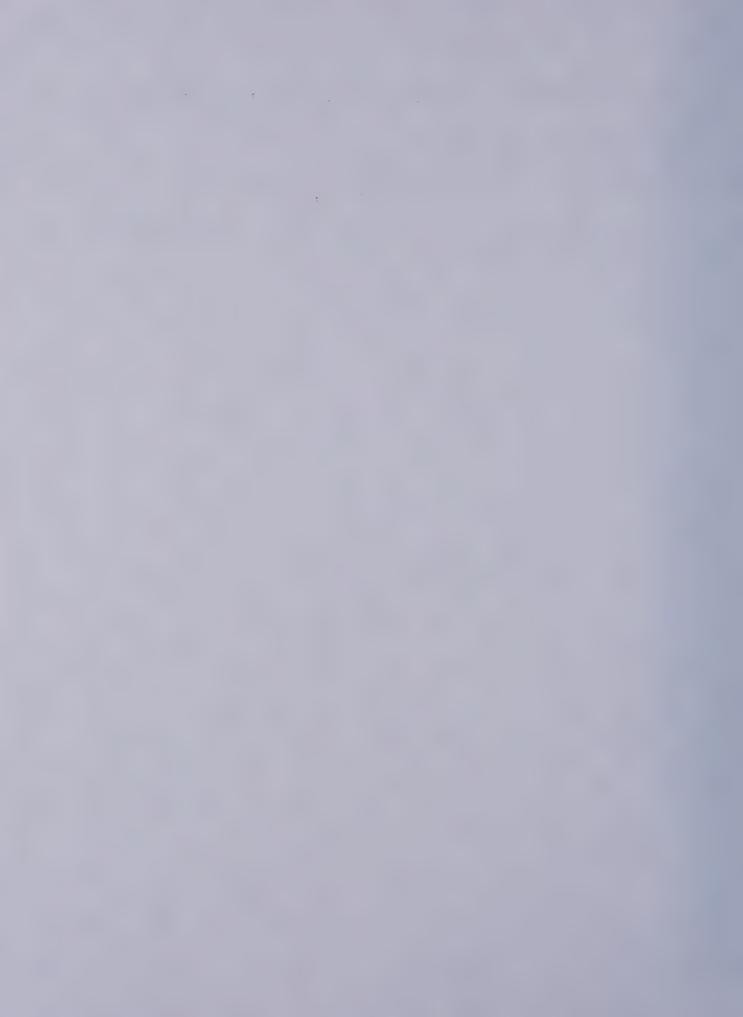
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On Steamer Chaiswer of Roanoke Island, N. C

Fb. 11. 1862.

We left Hatteras Inlet last Wednesday but owing to the unfavorable blassings of the weather and from the very cautious manner in which we proceeded we did not arrive here until Friday morning when a bombardment of the enemy's fort immediately commenced. The day was clear and warm and it was a splandid sight to see one after another burl their shell into the fort. It reminds me of a thunder storm where the lighting struck within sight every time. As the fire continued the replies from the fort grew less and less frequent as gan after gan were silenced and before night every gan but one was dismounted. Our loss during the day was 4 killed & 12 wounded. At midnight our boys were landed and left standing in the mad until morning when the action commenced. The 24 Mass. & 8th Conn. were held as reserve and were not in. The rebels retreated to their firtifications and did good execution. Our boys tried to turn the entrance but were not successful when Hawkins Zonaves took the lead and scaled the fort and drove the rebels out at the point of the bayonet. The action continued until 2 P. M. when the whole Island was unconditionally surrendered. We took 3000 prisoners, 35 pieces of artillery, 5000 stand of arms besides ammunition, baggage etc. The pieces was all but 5 32 pounders, 1 100 pounder, many of them were rifled.

The soldiers are around picking up prisoners all over the island. They bring in a great many each day. There are five forts strongly fortified upon the island which fell into our hands. We think here it is a big thing. I do not know what will be thought of it north. Our loss is about 50 killed and about 75 wounded, principally from the 10th [Conn.] & 25th Mass. The prisoners are to be sent to N. Y. as soon as possible...

I have been sick for about 10 days with fever & ague. I am much better now, shall be well enough in 3 or A days and have the promise of being taken ashore today...[I] have been on board over 6 weeks. It is a pretty tough place for a person that is unwell. The 8th & Ath R. I. are to be left here.

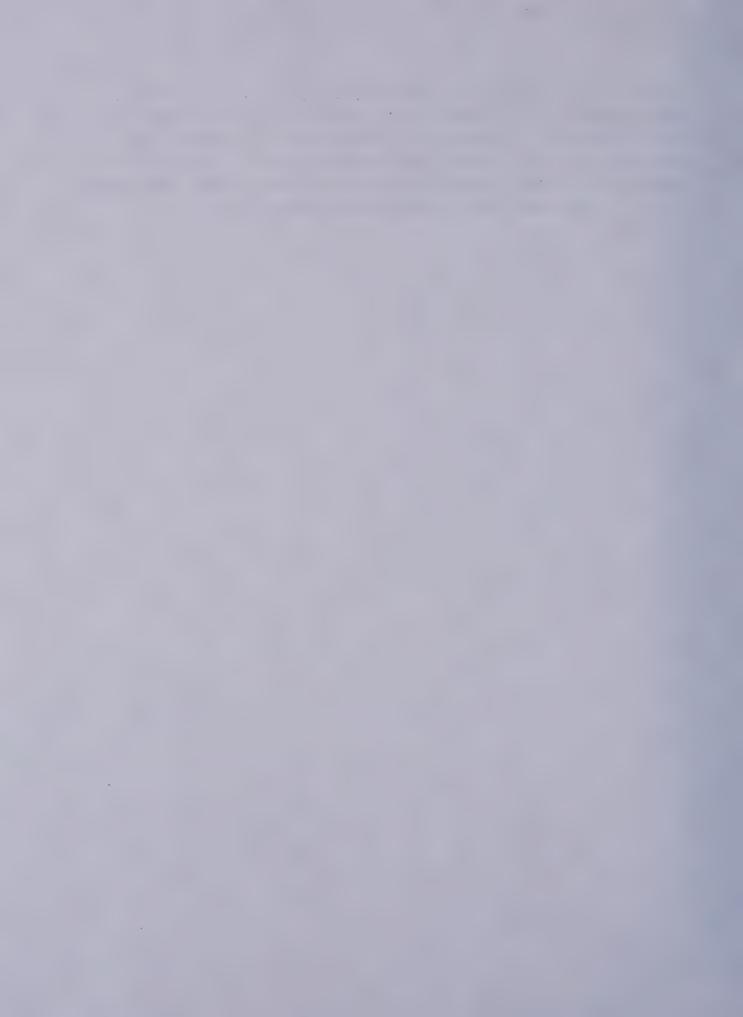
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Roanoke Island, N.C.

"February 18, 1862

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Alonzo writes this letter to his wife, Julia, from New Bern, located in North Carolina. He does not use much punctuation or paragraphs. I have attempted to insert both when I thought it was needed.

Camp 16th New Bern Vols. Oct. 27th 1863

Beloved Wife

I received yours of the 23rd yesterday, but did not answer it last night but will do so to night. I am sitting in my tent with a good warm fire and Jim Wells is sitting on the bed talking about building a house for me while I am writing.

Capt. Morse is in Norfolk and has been now two days over pass. He has not been in camp more than 5 or 6 days since I came back. I am afraid he will get court marshalled but cannot tell what will be done or when he will be back. He is never here to interfere with me, and so does not trouble me.

I wish you was here to sit and talk with tonight but you are not so I must write so instead.

Ariel [his brother] is on picket; he went Sunday and will not return until Thursday. His health is good as well as oneself.

I am looking anxiously for the 10th of next month for then I think I shall have some money. There is never any news in the country but I will try to write you _____ to fill up this letter. I have a newspaper that I thought of sending you but do not know whether I shall or not. It is the kind of news that we have here a great deal. The tattle is the Jolly Joker.

I am the officer of the guard today but have sat by the fire all day and shall have a good night's rest. It is cold and blustering weather, the wind blowing hard all the time.

I thank Orderly for speaking well of me but I do not know as I have an enemy in the Reg. I have never had a word said to me about my staying over my leave. So, it pleased the Col. very much to see that my certification did not come from Dr. Jewett in New Haven, for he said that most of the officers that were sick at home were always well enough to go to New haven to get certificates, but when one had to get one because they were not well enough to go to New Haven he thought they were sick.

Note: From Alonzo's military records copied at the National Archives in Washington, DC we have the following sick leave records for September and early October 1863: Appearing on his Return he was reported as being sick in Sept. 1863 in Conn.

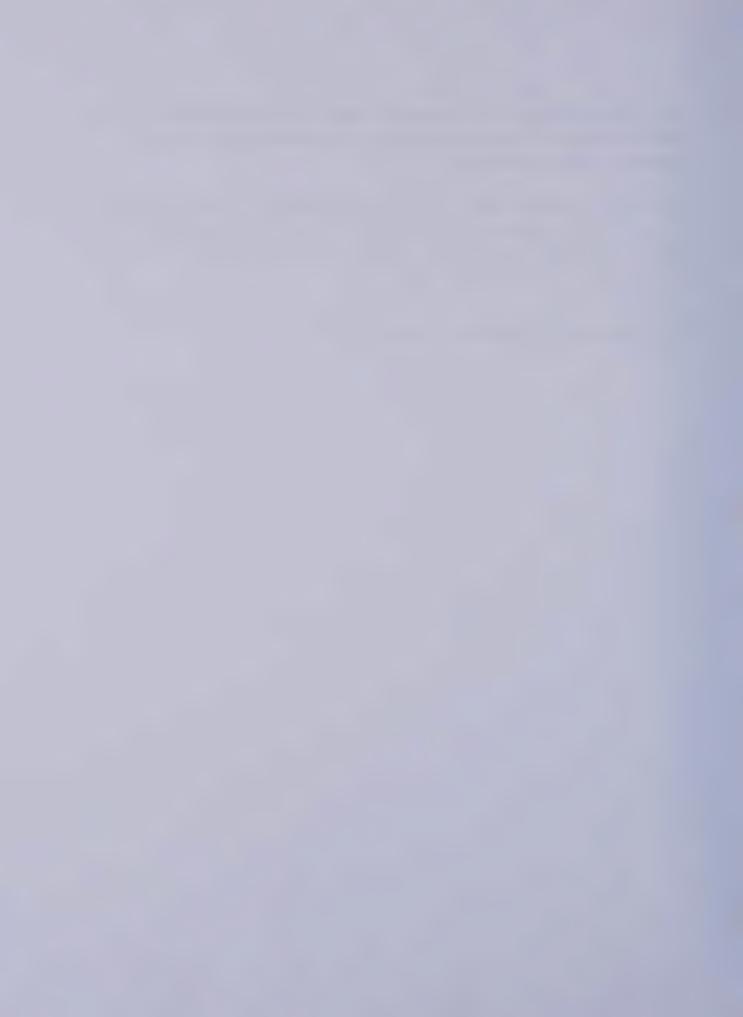


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Camp Oglethorpe, Macon, Georgia June 6th 1864

Dear Julia,

I now take another opportunity to write to you. My health is very good. I am getting along well. Hoping you will hear from me. Uncle Cromwell was here the 2nd of June. He is quite fleshy and looks natural. He brought me a pail full biscuits & ham and about 4 qts of apples of the summer's growth. His people are all well. He received a letter from Geo [part of name is missing] the 24th of May dated Simsbury April 28th which is the latest I had heard from home.

Note: In Alonzo's *Memories*, He also tell about his uncle coming to visit him. "So on the second day of June, the Reb. Seargent (sic) came in and told me that Captain Tabbs wanted to see me at Headquarters.... I found my uncle there. You can judge my surprise"

Tell Ariel that Col. Bartholomew came here this morning. I have just seen him. He is very well. We are all well here. I expect the Chaplain will go home ere long if so I shall send ... him to you. I am anxious to hear from you but suppose it shall not at present. I want you to send to Mr. Dibble P. M. at New Bern and get my box so that will not be lost.

I heard from uncle that grandmother was very low.

Give my kind regards to all who enquire. Keep good cheer and do not worry about me.

Your loving husband. Alonzo



On Sept. 21, 1863 Simeon Shuntleff, MD of Simsbury, Conn provided a certificate for Alonzo stating in part, "... he has been very ill and I should be unwilling to advise his return to duty before October 5th 1863."

I am glad you are all at home, may you always be so. I have not had a letter from anyone except you since I came back. I have written to J. Plante and told him when I _____him and told him to answer me but have not heard from him since. I have not written to Mr. Simmons but shall before long. The Regiment is in fine health and good quartered. I am thankful that we are not in the Army of the Potomac, not any for me I thank you. Ask Roswell what Reg. Watson Carr is in, for I think since I got back_from Newport News that he is in the 27th Mass. & I shall see them again, I think.

Remember me to Lucie & tell her she can write me almost any time, and I will do the same. I expect a letter from Julia Goodwin any day for you know she said she would write.

Love to all, regards to all friends. Love to you & children. Write often.

Your devoted husband, Alonzo



This letter was sent to this transcriber by Robin Murphy, a descendent of Alonzo Case. Alonzo writes this letter to his wife Julia after his prison experience is over on May 5 [1865]. He is about to be mustered out of the Union 16th CVI.

Parole Camp, Annapolis, Md. May 5, [1865] 10 O'clock P.M.

Dear Julia,

I arrived in this place about half past nine this A.M. and find that up to yesterday all officers have been sent to their regiment but an order came yesterday to send no more but to keep them here to be mustered out. I think the officers of the 16th have all gone to New Berne except myself, Clapps & Andrus. Strong Clapps & Andrus arrived here today.

I cannot tell how long we shall remain here but suppose not more than a week. There are not many officers here. I suppose not more than 100 in all. I shall write you often and let you know if anything new transpires, one thing I can tell you it is awful dull life.

I suppose you arrived home from New Hartford all safe & sound. I wish I had brought my trunk with bedding for it is not so hard to manage here as it might be. Although I am now provided with it from the Sanitary Commission which is doing a great deal of good here at present. I wanted to go to St. Louis today with a detail of western troops but I declined saying that I might be mustered out in a few days and then I should be out of pay and an expense & so I was not sent. I suppose that things have not changed much since I left as yet. How do you like sleeping alone? As for myself I cannot tell for I have not been abed since I left you.

Love to all,
Direct Parole Camp, Annapolis, Md. In haste,
A. G. Case

Word Doc: AG Case Ltr to Julia May 5 1865



A copy of this letter was sent to this transcriber by Robin Murphy, a descendent of Alonzo Case. Alonzo writes this letter to his wife, Julia, from Forsyth, GA April 18th 1882; 17 years after the end of the Civil War. He used very little punctuations and no paragraphs.

Forsyth, GA April 18th 1882 My Dear Wife,

You see that I am still here. We came in from Amelia's yesterday morning and I took the train and went up the country and saw Eugene and Sally. Spent the day with them and came back last evening. I found them all well and had a nice time. Sallie is all Phelps. I like her very much. She had a pretty hard time. She has a nice boy about three years old. When I came back I found a letter from you.

We had almost given up going to Florida it had been so hot, but we expect to leave here this evening and be in Jacksonville tomorrow evening (Wednesday). We shall be there but a very short time and then start for home. I supposed last Sunday to have been in Simsbury before another week but if we go as we now expect shall.

We are all very well. My finger is improving. I have taken the cot off this morning for the first time so as to accustom it to the weather.

We shall not make no stop in Columbia except overnight. I think because we hear Mr. Dodge's people are broken up.

You may write me at Columbia, S. C. if you see fit but if you do so I would write across the end of the envelope to return to Mrs. A. G. Case, Simsbury Conn. if not called for in five days.

I think the marriage of Mr. Toy is more than strange. <u>I will say no more</u>.

I will try to drop you a postal nearly every day. From now so that you will know where I am all the time. We have had green peas and strawberries out of Amelia's. Roses are in full bloom. They are planting cotton. Corn is up and hoeing it out. Oats are nearly ready to cut. Peaches are as large as your thumb and very plenty.

Love to all, your husband



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Conn.

Alonzo G. Case

Sgt., 1 st Lt., 2 nd Lt- Co. <u>E</u>, 16 Reg't. Connecticut Inf.

Appears on Returns as follows

Jan. 1863 Promoted 2 nd LT. Co. E Jany 14 Camp Jan. to Mar. '63 2 nd Lt. Present Apr. & May '63 1 st Lt Present June 1863 Sergt. Promoted June 30 Sept 1863-Absent sick in Conn. Oct '63 to Mar '64-Present April 1864-Absent. missing in action at Plymouth, NC April 20/64 Dec. '64 to Feb. '65-Absent. Prisoner of War. Taken at Plymouth, NC April 20, 1864 Mar. & Apr. '65 Absent with leave by S. O. No. 21 W. D., A. G. O. Washington, D. C. May 1865 Regained M. O. of Service May 15, 1865

Signed: Wehrle

Copyist



Special Order

No. 229

Extract

Under the provisions of General Order 82 May 6th 1865 from this office, the following officers of the 16th Connecticut Volunteers are hereby mustered out and honorably discharged the service of the United States to take effect May 15th 1865, on account of their service being no longer required. They will receive no final payments until they have satisfied the Pay Department that they are not indebted to the Government.

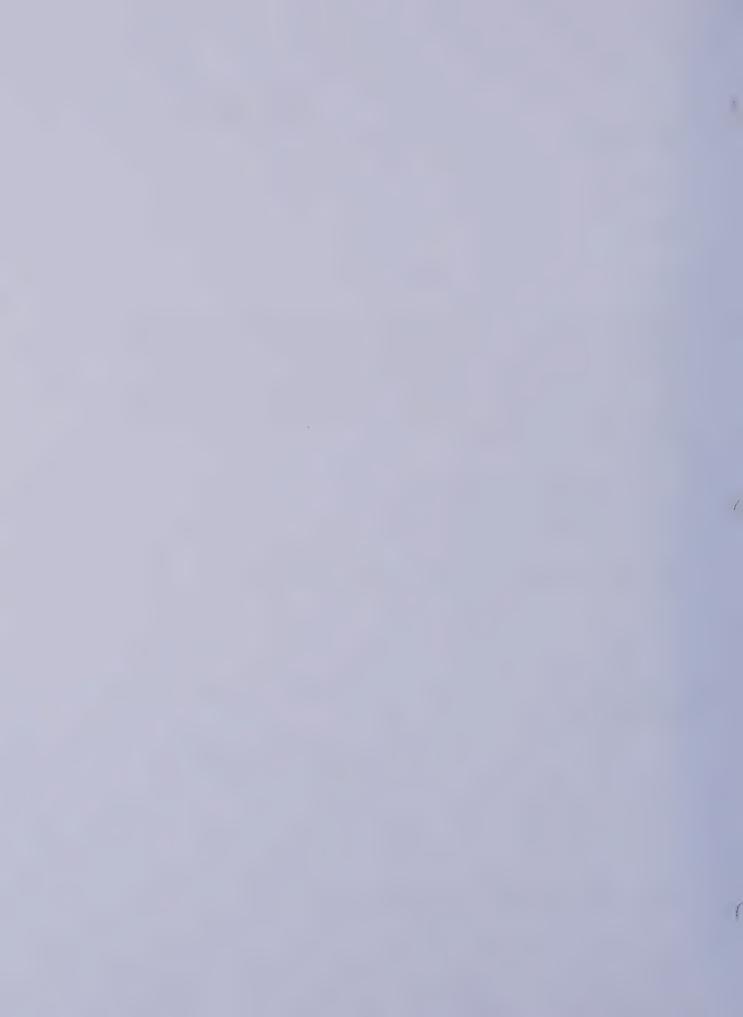
1st Lieutenant Alonzo G. Case
1st Lieutenant Edgar E. Strong
1st Lieutenant .Wallace R. Andres

The vacancies created by these discharges will not be filled.

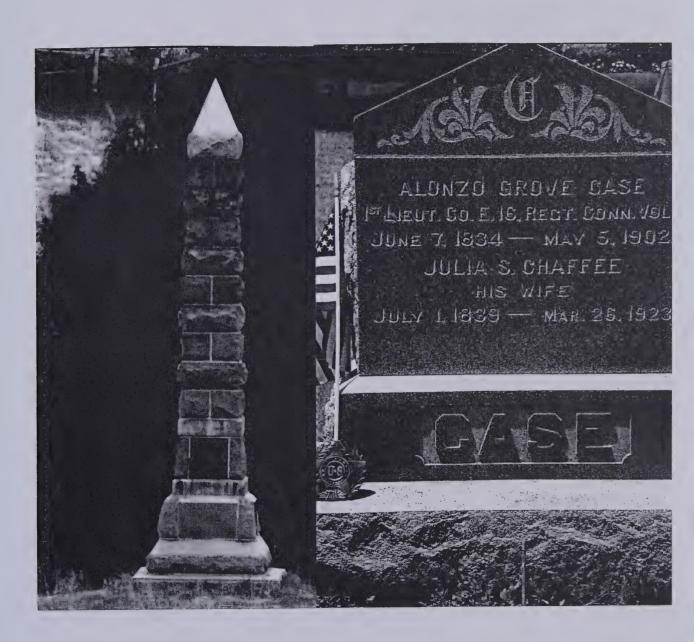
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By order of the Secretary of War

(Signed) E. D. Townsend Assistant Adjutant General



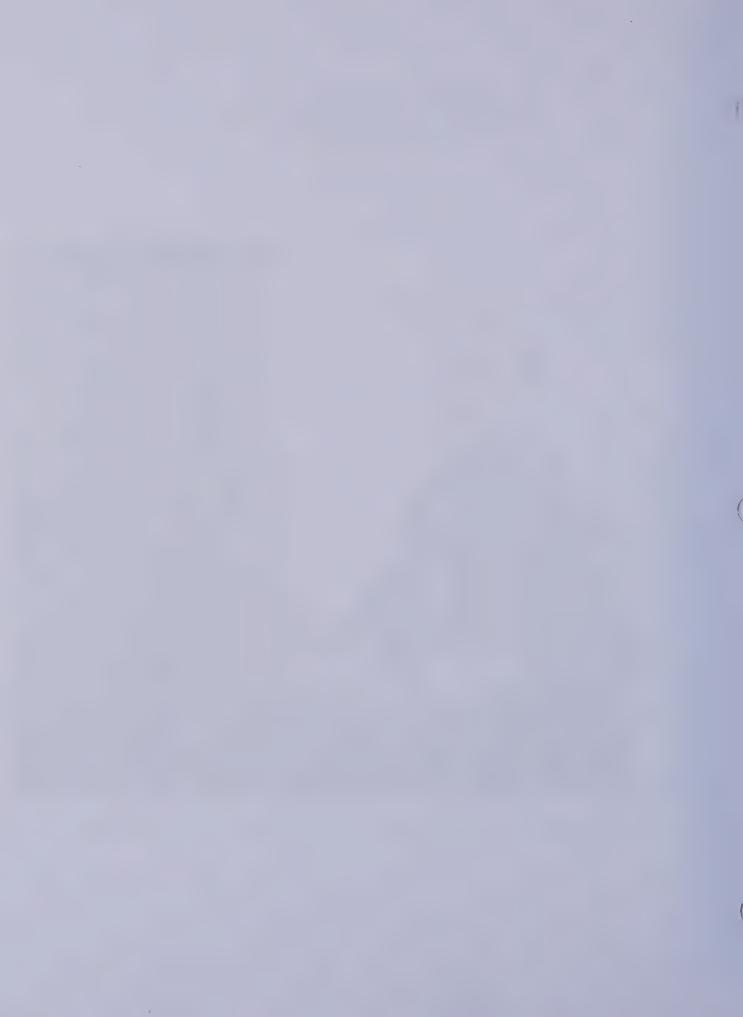
Sixteenth C.V.I. Monument At Antietam Battlefield And Grave Marker for Alonzo and his wife Julia At Simsbury Hop Meadow Cemetery





Photographs of Alonzo G. Case Furnished by his Great Granddaughter Charlotte Bidwell Bacon

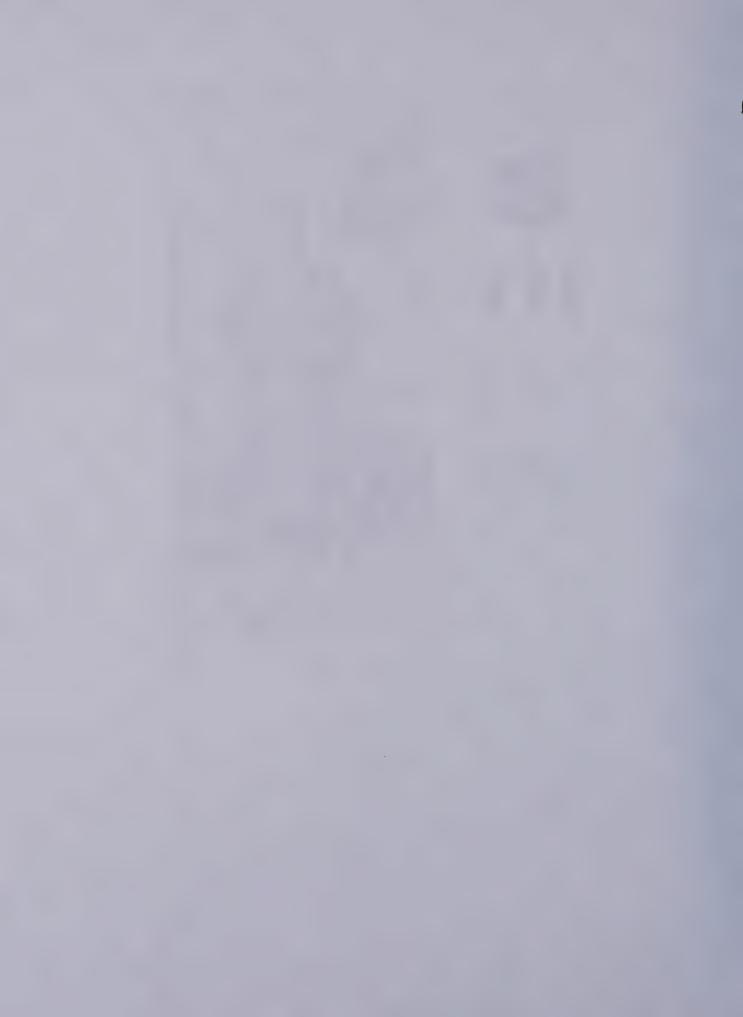








Alonzo Case in overcoat with inset of him also



LT. ALONZO GROVE CASE

by

Richard C. Meyer October 23, 1994

Alonzo G. Case, a veteran of the Civil War, was a lineal decendant of John Case, who first settled in Windsor, CT. In 1669, John sold his house and shop and moved to Simsbury, settling in Weatogue, where he farmed the land and raised stock. He had ten children.

His son John, born Nov. 5, 1662, one of ten children, was but seven years old when his family moved to Simsbury. He too took up farming, and he raised six children.

His son John B., born Aug. 22 1694, was also a farmer. He had nine children.

Son Job, born in Simsbury on June 3, 1737 was also a farmer, although he served as an officer (Captain) in the Revolutionary War and later was a member of the State Legislature. He had ten children.

Son Ariel Case, born on the farm in Terry's Plains, Simsbury on Jan. 23, 1765. He was largely engaged in stock raising. He and his wife had seven children, including Job Case, named after his grandfather.

Son Job Case was born on the farm in Simsbury on July 29, 1805. As a man, he practiced farming, as did all of his ancestors, raising field crops and live stock. He was the first to raise tobacco in Simsbury. He was a State legislator and became a captain of the cavalry in the State Militia. He and his wife had five children, one of whom was Alonzo G. Case (b. 1834). Others were Ariel Job (b. 1831), and Oliver Cromwell (b. 1839).

Son Alonzo was born on the homestead at Terry's Plains on June 7, 1834. He remained at home with his parents and helped with the farm. He married in October 1859. Shortly after the start of the Civil War, he attended Joseph Toy's funneral, and filled with patriotism, he enlisted in August 1862 and helped form Company E, 16th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, along with his brother, Ariel. Brother Oliver had enlisted as a Private in September 1861. Company B, 8th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers. Company E was comprised of men from Canton, Granby, Hartland, and Simsbury. Alonzo was mustered a First Sargeant in August 1862, then promoted to Second Lieutenant on January 13, 1863, and then to First Lieutenant on May 22, 1863.

The 16th Regiment trained in Hartford, then boarded the "City of Hartford" steamer at the docks at the foot of State Street for New York City. From there they traveled by train to Washington, DC and went into camp at Arlington Heights, VA.



His first military action came in September of 1862. The War was being conducted on two fronts - Lee had been holding Richmond, VA against McClellan's forces in the Peninsular Campaign, and now these two warriors were about to be engaged at Sharpsburg, MD (Antietam). President Lincoln badly needed a victory, but the struggle was too even. The Battle of Antietam (MD) began on September 16, 1862 just outside of Sharpsburg when Gen. Joseph Hooker attacked the Confederates near the Dunker Church. The next day fighting would move to the Sunken Road and then to the bridge at Antietam Creek. What happened then proved to be the bloodiest single day since the war began. Ambrose Burnside, who commanded the Union forces, on the third day stormed the little bridge over Antietam Crcek with 12,500 men against barely 400 Georgians. But the Rebels commanded the bluff overlooking the bridge. The Southerners held Burnside for three hours, fighting off four bloody charges before the Union army managed to cross the Creek. At night, Burnside stopped his advance, and the fighting died away. The Union had lost 2108 dead, 10,293 more wounded or missing. Lee had lost 10,318 men, but the number represented one-forth of his army. Lee's invasion had been stopped. Alonzo G. Case had been one of the wounded, having been hit by a bullet that went through four thicknesses of his knapsack and leather body belt. It knocked him down and left a black and blue bruise spot the next day. But he was officially noted as having been wounded. Alonzo and his brother, Sgt. Ariel J. Case, also of Company E, searched the battlefield for their other brother, Pvt. Oliver C. Case, of Company A, 8th Reg., and found him dead - probably killed instantly. They rolled their brother in his woolen blanket and pinned papers inside and out with Oliver's name, company, and regiment on it, and then painted wooden head boards to mark his grave. His body remained there until December when his father, Job, had it brought back to Simsbury for burial.

Five days after the battle, on September 22, Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation that abolished slavery.

On September 26, Case's Regiment moved to the Antietam Iron Works, where President Lincoln reviewed the army on October 3rd. On October 28th, the Regiment crossed the Potomac River and went into camp at Lovettsville, VA. Then they marched to Wheatland, VA on October 30th, on to Waterloo, VA by November 7th. There they stayed until Nov. 15th.

While in camp at Waterloo, Alonzo received orders from Lieutenant Charles W. Morse, commanding Company E, to discharge loaded muskets so they could be cleaned. Case fired off several when the Captain in command sent a corporal and two men to arrest him for discharging weapons in camp. The Captain would not listen to Alonzo's excuse and he was ordered confined to quarters under arrest. Lt. Morse came to him and wanted Alonzo to call roll, but Alonzo refused because he was under arrest. The Captain then told him to report for duty!

On November 15th, the Regiment marched to Sulphur Springs, then



to Liberty, then to Elk Run, and to Falmouth (across the Rappahannock from Fredericksburg) by November 19, 1862.

Gen. George McClellan had proven himself too conservative for Lincoln. He blamed the heavy losses at Antietam on McClellan's reticence to send fresh troups to help Burnside. On November 7, 1862, Lincoln replaced George McClellan with Burnside. Burnside was far more agressive than his predecessor. In December 1862, Burnside's army faced Lee once again, this time across the Rappahannock River at Frederickburg, VA. Lee had Generals Longstreet and Stonewall Jackson. Burnside's main assault would come from Gen. Joseph Hooker's forces.

On December 13, 1862 Hooker began his attack. The air was thick with flying, bursting shells. Sargeant Case was there. Burnside's men conducted fourteen asaults before Burnside decided that he could not rout Gen. Lee. Burnside was disgraced by his loss of 12,600 men. Fredericksburg had been a disaster, but Sgt. Case had been lucky. The Confederates had lost 5300, most of them missing - gone home for Christmas.

Winter had come and the conditions in the field were terrible. Camps were filthy and disease became the chief killer of the war. Alonzo remained in camp at Falmouth. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on Janary 13, 1863.

Lincoln replaced Gen. Burnside after he tried to move his troops through ankle deep mud in a sleet storm, only to have them bog down to a standstill. It was known as the "Mud March". His replacement was Gen. Joseph Hooker who had fought so valiently at Antietam and Fredericksburg. Hooker said, "May God have mercy upon General Lee".

Shortly after Hooker took over, the Ninth Army was detached and ordered to Newport News, VA, arriving there on February 8, 1863. After a pleasant stay of four or five weeks on high ground, the Regiment was ordered by steamer to Norfolk, VA, then by rail to Suffolk, VA in mid-March.

Between April 11, 1863 and May 3rd, the Siege of Suffolk, VA was carried on by Confederate Gen. Longstreet against Union Gen. Harland. The rebels drove in the Union pickets on April 11th, then attacked again on April 13th. On April 24th, the forces became hotly engaged with considerable loss at Edenton Road, and again on May 3rd at Providence Church Road. The 16th had 2 killed, 3 died of wounds, and took five prisoners. Then the rebels left Suffolk, and Alonzo had no further trouble. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on May 22, 1863

On June 16, 1863, the Regiment received marching orders for Portsmouth, VA. Then they went by steamer to Yorktown, VA and set up camp. until June 26th. On that day, they boarded a steamer that took them up the York River and then the Pamunkey River to White House Landing, VA. This was part of an expedition of General Dix to move up the Peninsula to attemp,



with other troops, to distroy communication between Lee's army and Richmond. Although, Alonzo's Regiment distroyed several miles of railroad, the attempt proved fruitless and was given up. The expedition was known as the "Blackberry Raid" and involved the most severe marching that the Regiment had engaged. They had marched all the way back to Fortress Monroe, then steamered back to Portsmouth, arriving there on July 14th.

In mid-September, Alonzo got a 15-day leave of absence to visit home. Then his brother, Ariel, got a leave in December and brought their two wives back on January 6, 1864 for a visit.

The Regiment received orders to break camp on January 20, 1864. They hated to leave Portsmouth, VA in mid-winter. They had just packed when the camp caught fire and burned to the ground. They traveled to Portsmouth by train, then to Moorehead City, NC by steamer, then by train to New Berne, NC, then by steamer to Portsmouth, NC, then by steamer up the Roanoke River about 9 miles to Plymouth, NC. They were there to relieve the 101st and 103rd PA and the 85th NY, and two companies of the 12th cavalry from NY, and 2 batteries of the 2nd MA. It was an outpost camp, and everything in the vacinity was rebel. Alonzo's and Ariel's wives were there to help build the camp.

Confederate General Robert D. Hoke was making plans for an attack on Plymouth, NC. This little town was strategically located at the mouth of the Roanoke River. It was now under the control of the Federal forces - General Henry Walton Wessells, of Litchfield, Connecticut, on land and Commander C. W. Flusser's four gunboats in the River. In order to capture this place, Gen. Hoke needed to have both land and naval forces at his disposal. Fortunately for him, the Confederate navy had under construction at this time, at Edwards Ferry on the Roanoke River, an iron-clad ram named the "Albermarle". Gen. Wessells got wind of the scheme and appealed to Gen. Benjamin F. Butler to sent troops to envade he construction sight of the "Albermarle". Gen. Butler replied that Wessells had "ram on the brain", and that there was no such thing. In response to appeals from Gen. Hoke, Confederate authorities allowed the ram to participate in the attack on Plymouth. On April 18, 1864, the "Albermarle", although still under construction, slipped from her moorings at Edwards Ferry and started down river. In command of this strange-looking craft was Commander James W. Cooke, formerly an officer in the United States Navy.

On April 17th, Plymouth, garrisoned by 1600 men under Gen. Wessells was attacked by an overwhelming force of Confederates under Gen. Hoke. First assaults were upon the Union pickets, and the battle of Plymouth began. Women and children were sent to Roanoke Island. The artillery commenced on Apr. 18th until noon. Then the Confederates made three unsuccessful charges on the center of the town, but were repulsed with heavy losses. Union troops were behind earthworks, so causualities were small. Soon after dark, the Rebels attacked the NY 85th, about 60 men in Ft. Wessells, a small earthworks, which had fought about two



Then they surrendered. The Rebels demanded that the Union troops surrender, but they refused. At 4:00 AM on the morning of Apr. 19, the Rebels came down the river in the ram, "Albermarle", to where two wooden gun boats, the Miami and the Southfield, were anchored. The ram sunk the Southfield and the Miami backed down the river to save herself. Now the Yanks were at the mercy of the enemy. They had about 1600 men, the Confederates had 12,000 men and 40 artillery pieces. Alonzo and company continued to hold the Rebels off. At daylight on April 20th, and by 8:00 AM, the Confederates had succeeded in penitrating the Union earthworks. The superior number of the Confederates gave them great advantage, and they soon infested the works completely with swarming infantry. General Wessells surrended the town, twenty-eight piece of artillery, and large quantities of provisions on April 21st. Alonzo was captured. Alonzo's company lost 15 men, 100 wounded. The total losses to the Sixteenth, including captured, was 436. The Rebels lost 600 men and 2000 wounded.

The story of the preservation of the colors of the Sixteenth is now widely known. When every hope of escape was distroyed, the color-guard tore each battle flag from its staff, and strips torn into shreads were distributed to the members of the regiment, and concealed in various ways through the weary days of their imprisonment. In 1879, as many of these remnants as could be obtained from survivors of the regiment were gathered and made up in a shape of a shield surrounded by an eagle, which has been sewn upon a white silk banner, trimmed with gold fringe. The restored banner was deposited with the battle-flags of the State at the Capitol "Battle Flag Day" ceremony on September 17, 1879.

The Connecticut troop were pretty tired, having been under arms from Sunday until Wednesday. They were marched out of town to remain there until the next day. Alonzo was issued 25 hardtacks and 10 ounces salt pork to eat over the next 5 days.

On April 21, they marched 13 miles passing through Foster Mills, Jamesville, Williamstown, and Hamilton. They continued on to Tarboro, NC, reaching there by April 25th.

On April 26th, the Plymouth officers and some enlisted men were loaded into box cars, 50 in a car. They arrived in Wilmington on the 27th, crossed the Cape Fear River, and headed west to Florence, SC, then south to Charlestown, SC, then Savannah, GA, and on to Andersonville by 2:30 PM on April 30.

The Plymouth officers were put on high ground, away from the enlisted men. They put 110 officers in a church, and because it was chilly, the men took all the benches and made fires to keep warm and to cook their bacon.

On May 1, 1864, the Confederates ordered the Plymouth officers into box cars and shipped them to Macon, where they camped in a nice meadow. They put Alonzo in a stockade with officers who



had tried to escape from Libby Prison (Richmond, VA) and the men were divided into squads of 100. Alonzo was elected quartermaster of his squad which had most of the Plymouth officers. The squad was divided into four parts. Most of the rations were bags of corn meal, and Alonzo was instructed to return the bags when empty. However, now and then, he managed to keep a good one for making pants. They had several chaplins in the stockade, so on Sunday and evening prayer meetings, they would pray for the President Lincoln and the success of their armies. The prayer meeting were soon forbidden by the Rebels.

There was an effort to tunnel out of the prison, just like they did at Libby Prison. The tunnels were dug and everyone was preparing rations to leave. Then a large Rebel squad came into the stockade and went directly to the tunnels. The prisoners then knew that they had a traitor in their camp. The tunnel opening was under Major Henry L. Pasco's bunk. The Rebel captain had the squad aim their muskets at the major and ask him to tell who had dug the tunnel. The Major refused, and they arrested him and took him out of camp. They returned him in about a week, having kept him in a cell on bread and water. They paraded him around town and then brought him back to the camp, having learned nothing.

There was a white hen that used to come into the camp and strut around just outside the "dead line". The officers would throw her crumbs to entice her in. Alonzo form a noose of string, and got her foot in it and pulled her into camp. The hen must have been twenty years old, as tough as she was.

Union General William Tecumseh Sherman had been holding siege to Atlanta, with Confederate Gen. John Bell Hood defending. Hood soon realized that he could no longer defend the city, and so he escaped out to the west and into Alabama, where Sherman's troops finaly captured him. Before leaving Atlanta, however, Hood set many fires in the city to destroy it and make it usless to the Union army before Sherman could arrive. Fearing that Sherman would liberate the Union prisoners at Macon and Andersonville, the Rebels began to move them to other southern strongholds. July 28, 1864, the order was given for six squads to form and be ready to move out of Macon. The first group was put into cars and taken to Charleston. Alonzo's group was taken in cars to Savannah. The folks there were surprised to see that the officers looked just like them. The Yanks didn't have horns, for that is what they had been told. Alonzo and the others were put in the brick-walled courtyard of the old U.S. Marine Hospital. They were well fed there and they slept in tents.

Orders were again given to move, on September 13, 1864, to Charleston, SC. The men were marched to the railroad and loaded into box cars - 45 to a car. Each car had two guards at each door - four guards to a car. Alonzo and the other ammused themselves by stealing the cartridges from the cartridge boxes of the guards. The train had a flatcar at the rear, lighted with lanterns so the guards could see if a prisoner jumped off



the train. If so they would shoot him. So it was that when evening came and the guards in Alonzo's car fell (or were pushed) off the car, the Rebels on the flat car would dispatch them. When they arrived in Charleston, there was scarcely a guard left on the train.

They put Alonzo and the others in a jail yard - about 3/4 acre - enclosed by a work house and a high brick fence. On August 31, 1864, the prison came under fire from the Union guns that were shelling Charleston. The

prisoners were short on rations and the Rebels did not feed them. They survived on what little rice they had brought from Savannah. Alonzo boiled his rice in his tin cup and sat in the sun to eat it without salt, with a wooden spoon whittled out, in temperatures of 100 degrees. Alonzo was ready for a change!!!

The second night Alonzo was in jail there was a thunder storm and water covered the yard from 2 inches to 1 foot deep. had to stand and take it. The Rebels let them go into the jail for shelter. The third day they let the soldiers go to Roper Hospital, if they gave their word not to escape. There they found the rest of their officers, those who had left Macon the day before and had gone directly to Charleston. They were quite comfortable and watched as the Union guns fired at the city. There was not a building left between Alonzo and the guns. They were there over a month and had no casualties. The Union guns fired 100 to 125 shells a day into Charleston. The Rebel regiment that guarded Alonzo and the others camped uptown, and it was not very safe. So, they moved down near the Hospital. They were there but two days when the Union guns began to drop shells into their camp. The third day, the gunners set the Rebel camp on fire and most of it burned down before the Rebels could move out. That was very good shooting, being as how the guns were four miles away!!

Grant had pushed Lee south toward Richmond, with both sides losing heavily of their resources. There were the Battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, VA, and then Grant surprised Lee by going around Richmond to Petersburg, which was lightly defended. Meanwhile, Sherman was moving on Atlanta, and finally won it on September 1, 1864.

In the spring of 1865, Lee found that Grant had cut off his supply route into Petersburg to the south and east, leaving only the north-west as an avenue of escape. With his men hungry and in need of everything, Lee evacuated Petersburg in March, only to have Grant's army follow him to the west. Grant cought up with the Lee forces near Lynchburg, VA, and on April 9, 1865, Gen. Lee surrendered the remnants of his tattered army to Gen. Grant in Lynchburg in a house near the Appromattox Court House. The War was over on April 9, 1865.

Lt. Case was paroled February 28, 1865, and discharged May 15, 1865. During his prison life, Lt. Case suffered extreme privation. He was reduced to clothing made from corn meal



sacks, and his feet were protected with bits of cloth taken from an old overcoat. He had lost forty-five pounds in weight.

The 16th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, was mustered out of the service to the United States on June 24, 1865.

He returned to Simsbury to resume the farming of tobacco and raising live stock. The Cases had nine children. Alonzo was elected to the State Legislature in 1867. Also, he was Selectman of Simsbury for two years and tax collector for two years.

-SEQUEL ONE-

In 1887, Alonzo Case saw an advertisement that appeared in the New York "Sun" newspaper that read:

"A Sword for Lieut. Case or his relatives." To the Editor of the "Sun",

Sir: I am at present boarding with Capt. James A. Marrow who during the war was Captain of Co. H, Fifty-fifth Regiment, North Carolina Troops. He has now in his possession a sword captured at the Battle of the Wilderness bearing this inscription on the scabbard: "Lieut. A. G. Case/Co. E 16th Regt. C.V. (Connecticut Volunteers). Capt. Marrow will cheerfully return the sword to Lieut. Case's nearest relatives if he can obtain their address.

H.T. Harvey (confident) Clarksville, VA Sept 19, 1887"

Lt. Case answered this ad on Sept. 26, sending enough information regarding the battle and his circumstances at that time to convince Mr. Harvey that he was the sword's rightful owner. Case then received a letter dated October 12, 1887 from Capt. James A. Marrow himself as follows:

"Lieut. A.G. Case Simsbury, Conn. oct 12, 1887

Dear Sir:

Your kind and valued favor of the 26th inst came to hand a few days ago, and as I am fully impressed with its genuinness, I have decided to return you your sword without further delay. I am a true American & have no desire to retain any relic as a triumph of Americans over Americans. I am glad to know that you are yet amoung the living and I heartily join you in the desire to grasp my hand & unite with you in the prayer for peace, trusting that you may ever be happy in this life & when we "cross over the river & and rest under the shade of the trees" in the Lord's kingdom that we know each other/& enjoy peace & life enternal. Should you ever come to this section I would be





glad to entertain you.

Yours very truly,

James A. Marrow Late Capt., Co. H, 55th Regiment, N.C. Troops

(The sword goes by express today)"

Case must have written on October 14th, because we have the following letter from Marrow:

"Lieut. A.G. Case Simsbury, Conn.

Oct. 17, 1887

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 14 inst received. The sword was shipped per Express the 13th & charges of 50 cents paid at New York. The Express agent said he could only send it to New York. If the New York agent has not forewarded it on to you, you had better write him at once. I enclose the Southern Express Co. receipt which will aid you in case you should be put to any further trouble. I am truly glad to be of any service to you in the matter & hope by this time you have received it.

Very truly yours,

H.T. Harvey Late Co. II, 18th VA Regt, Pickett's Division, A.N.V."

Case writes again on October 28th, and the following is the reply:

Lieut. A.G. Case Simsbury, Conn.

Nov. 9, 1887

Dear Sir:

Your valued favor of the 28 inst came to hand a few days ago. I am glad to know that you received the sword all right & and greatly appreciate what you have to say in regard thereto. Replying to your questions: I was not with the 55th N.C. Troops at the Battle of Plymouth. Soon after this, the Regt. joined the Army of Northern Va. I joined it a few days previous to the Battle of the Wilderness & was then promoted from private to 1st Lieut. The sword came into my possession then, but I cannot now remember exactly how; whether one of the officers or men gave it to me. It has been in my possession ever since, till I returned it to you.

Your best route to my place is direct to Richmond, Va, thence on

the Richmond & Danville R.R. to Keysville, thence on the Richmond & Micklenburg R.R. to Clarksville, Va. The proprietor of the Roanoke Valley Hotel at Clarksville can direct you to my residence, which is about 7 miles south of Clarksville near the state line between Va & N.C.

I sincerely hope you will come down & visit me & talk over old times. I will be most happy to entertain you & make the occasion most agreeable. I have now with me a gentleman from your state, a Mr. Daniel Seword who is getting hickory spokes & logs for shippment to the New Haven Wheel Co.

This section abounds with game, deer, turkey, partridges & wild geese. Bring your gun along & we will have nice sport. I have a well trained dog & am very fond of hunting.

Mr Harvey desires to extend you his kindest regards & hopes you will not fail to come.

Hoping to hear from you again, I am Very truly yours,

James A Marrow

P.S. I learn from a Mr. C.E. Masher, Senica Falls, N.Y. that our correspondence has been published. Will you please send the paper containing same?

J.A.M."

The Case Sword was presented to Alonzo G. Case when he was promoted from 1st Sargeant to Lieutenant on Jan 13, 1863 near Fredericksburg VA, probably by family. It was captured during the Civil War (Battle of Plymouth, NC) and returned to Lt. Case 24 years later. The sword is the version worn by company, or foot, officers through the rank of captain. This sword is a "Model 1850 Foot Officer's Sword" manufactured by the Collins Company of Canton, CT in 1862. It is 38 inches overall in length, with a 32 inch blade, etched with "US" and various military designs (flags, cannons, shields, mottos, etc.). The grip is of wood covered with fish skin and wound with an open helix of brass wire. All metal parts of the hilt are brass. The scabbard is metal with brass mountings.

- SEQUEL TWO-

There is another sequel to this story. Marrow's widow, Mrs. Ella Taylor Marrow, writes on September 5, 1929 that James a. Marrow was born March 5, 1842. He joined the 2nd North Carolina Volunteer Regiment in 1861 as a Private at age 19. Probably after his enlistment was up, he then joined the 12th Reg't, again as a Private. Then he joined the 55th NC Reg't (A.P. Hill's). He was not at the Battle of Plymouth, NC with his



Regiment, but joined it a few days before the Battle of the Wilderness. in the first day's fighting at the Wilderness as a Private, he was one of seven to survive. His Colonel told him he had earned a commission and was promoted to Lieutenant on the field. That is evidently when he received Alonzo G. Case's sword. Although the gun had been shot from his hands at the Wilderness, he went through the four-year war without a scratch. He died on Sepember 3, 1916.

In May 1992, Mr. and Mrs. Linton B. Ward of Richmond, VA arrived at the Simsbury Historical Society to view the Case Sword. Mrs. Ward (Dorothy Marrow Ward) is Capt. James A. Marrow's great-grandaughter. They were very interested in the Case sword. We introduced them to Mrs. Harriet Bidwell, who lives at the Governor's House here in Simsbury. Mrs. Bidwell is Alonzo G. Case's grandaughter. We had the two women photographed holding the sword that each of their forebearers carried during the Civil War.

The sword that both men carried is now part of the Simsbury Historical Society collection.



16th C.V.I. Plymouth, N.C. Life, Capture and Travel to Prison By: Robert H. Kellogg From: Life and Death in Rebel Prisons

Union Sergeant Major Robert H. Kellogg, a non-commissioned officer,] of the 16th Connecticut Infantry was from Wethersfield, Connecticut. He was captured April 20, 1864 at Plymouth along with most of the rest of the 16th C.V.I. He was held at Andersonville Prison and survived.

Andersonville was the deadliest place of the Civil War that was not a battle field. It is located in southwestern Georgia. It covered 26 and one half acres. It was in use by the Confederates for 14 months starting in February 1864. Nearly 13,000 Union prisoners of war died there. The primary causes of death were disease (such as, diarrhea and scurvy), starvation and mistreatment. More than 300 Connecticut soldiers perished there.

The prison was also known as Camp Sumter. It was located near a small village named Andersonville.

Kellogg kept a diary which he referenced in his book, *Life and Death in Rebel Prisons*. His book was published in Hartford, Connecticut in 1865, providing a first person account of the conditions and cruelty inside the prison. His book also includes stories told to him by other prisoners held in other prisons. However, from his story will only be told the capture and transport of the prisoners to Andersonville prison.

Kellogg testified in the trial of Confederate Captain Henry Winz, the commander of the prison. Winz was put on trial and found guilty on conspiracy and cruelty on November 10 1866 and he was hung in Washington, D.C.

Kellogg's story begins here. "On the Roanoke River in North Carolina, about eight miles from the Sound, lies the town of Plymouth, a place once important on account of its highly advantage position as a depot, through which might pass, in transportation, the products of the State. Tar, rosin and pitch, the prominent and well-known articles of manufacture in this Land...."

"It was partly saved, however, and by the force of circumstances, afterward became the most northern outpost of the U. S. forces in the State. Thus held, it was garrisoned by four regiments of infantry, one light battery, two companies of heavy artillery, and a few cavalry, all under command of Brig. Gen. H. W. Wessel, a noble officer and a brave man. Three forts — Gray, Williams and Wessel offered ... protection to these men, while Compher and Coneby redoubts, and a line of connecting breast works, afforded strong ground of hope that the position of an advancing foe might, at least, be rendered somewhat uncomfortable by the peculiar greeting they might receive in consequence of these. Added to these, and designed to act in harmony with them was the naval fleet, consisting of the gunboats *Miami*, *Southfield*, *Ceres, Whitehead, and Bombshell....*"



He continues. "The morning of the 17th of April 1864, dawned upon us in our warlike retreat in all the beauty and loveliness with which nature is wont to adorn herself at such a season of the year. It was the hallowed day of the seven; — a time when the mind of the soldier naturally rever ts to other scenes and other days...."

"Guard-mounting was witnessed as usual, and at roll-call sixteen hundred men were reported for duty. All necessary positions being occupied, the rest were at liberty to follow their inclinations, and as mine sent out their sweet invitations to repair to the sacred temple, I obeyed, and listened to a sermon from the Rev, Mr. B, Chaplain of the 101st Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the morning, and in the afternoon went to Grace Church...."

"Just at the close of the services, and shortly before the hour for Dress Parade, while yet impressions of the day were thick about us, the cavalry pickets came dashing into town, having been driven in by the rebels. Artillery and cavalry were immediately sent out to ascertain the strength of the enemy, but they soon returned, reporting a short engagement with a superior number, in which one of their men were killed, and a Lieutenant badly wounded. It soon became manifest that we were to be fearfully pressed, as three brigades of infantry were bearing down up on us, together with a heavy siege train of artillery, manned by a revengeful foe who were eager to take possession of the town, and send us to homes they had provided in mercy not particularly tender. With us were the 85th N. Y., commanded by Fardella, an Italian officer, the 101st P.V., together with the 103d of the same State, under Col. Lehman; the 24th N.Y. Independent Battery, under the direction of Capt. Cady; two companies Mass. heavy artillery, Capt. Sampson, and a slight force of the 12th N.Y. cavalry."

"An attack was made upon Fort Gray, a mile or so above the town on the river, and as the shot and shell came swiftly down to us upon their death-fraught errands, our quickened apprehensions were not slow in discovering the propriety of using all available means for safety."

"Co. H of our own regiment, the 16th Ct., had gone in the morning, for the purpose of relieving some other troops, and were thus fortunate enough to escape the attack, the while, supposing we were resting under the silent wing of peace, when war's chosen arrows were flying thick and fast about us."

"The morning following this first outbreak we were aroused from our slumbers before sunrise by the roar of cannon." "Firing was heard at intervals through the day, but no general advance until nearly dark, when the enemy came pouring in from the woods in great numbers, and charged upon our line of skirmishers with their characteristic yell."

Kellogg tell his story of the battle as he perceived it. "The few, of course having no chance before the many, they retired within the fortifications, when the exultant foe rapidly wheeled a battery into position, and under its destructive influence our beautiful camp was soon completely riddled, and Fort Williams pretty effectually silenced. At this juncture, Lt Col. Burnham ordered the Band to the breast-works, and bade them strike up some national airs, and though they might not have been particularly edifying to the gray-robed legions without, the spirit-stirring strains



were in no wise lost upon the hearts of our own boys and to make it convenient for them to retrea t; but supposing they would speedily rally and come down upon us with new strength and ardor, we continued on the watch, relaxing not through the whole night."

"Notwithstanding the temporary success, the third day after the attack had things in a bad plight for us. The Rebs had come into possession of Fort Wessell, and their iron-clad ram, the *Albemarle*, had found its way down the river, passing our batteries without being molested, sunk the *Southfield* and driven off the rest of the navy. Every hour, our prospect grew darker and our hopes weaker, for the men were completely exhausted by continual duty through the day, and as consistent watching by night. Our garrison was so small that all hands were required at the breast-works, even then, it was altogether insufficient for the work. Intense were our longings for reinforcements, but the threatening *Albemarle* kept any from coming to our relief, and we began seriously to think of a march to Richmond, Va., and registry of our names at her famous Libby Hotel.... We resolved to wait until there was no further hope, at half past one we were furnished with entrenching tools and told to work for our lives in building bombproofs, traverses, &c, and in a comparatively short time we were sheltered."

"Snatching a few moments in the interval of quiet I ran over to-my tent, a place, strange as it may seem, around which some fond associations clustered, and you, ye soldier-reader, an alone tell how sadly I felt when I saw rude marks that bore unequivocal testimony that it had been sited by one of those unsought and unwelcome bodies a shell Yes! In my absence it had found both ingress and egress, but as there is never anything so dark but what there is light not far off, either behind or above it, so I consoled myself with the reflection that it had its way alone, and I was not there for its entertainment."

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cannon's roar, advanced up the Columbia road and with wild cheers and yells charged upon the two redoubts which formed our protection upon the east side of the town. After a short, but bloody and decisive conflict they accomplished their object, and flushed with their success they came down through the camp of the 101st P. V., upon our regiment, evidently thinking there could be no barrier to whatever they should attempt to do but their bravery was met by a corresponding principle on the part of our boys, and they were repulsed with great loss to them, yet a slight advantage could do but little for us at this time, for the rebels had possession of Fort Wessel, the two redoubts on the Columbia road, and the entire river side of the village. From this position they were pouring a terrible fire into our rear. Six very fine horses on a caisson near me were shot down in quick succession, and many of our men were sadly wounded. At this time two or three officers came in, bearing a flag of truce, with a demand from Gen. Hoke for the surrender of the town and its garrison. After a short consultation the demand was refused by our General, and the fight went on, though with abated vigor on our part, as we were thoroughly exhausted by our previous labors. The refusal, however, soon brought them down in force upon us, leaving no alternative but to surrender, although it was done with no willing grace, yet it could but be attended with the consciousness that we had tried the virtue of resistance to the utmost."

Kellogg describe the initial capture. "We were at once marched out of town to their reserve picket force, on the Washington road, where we remained for the night, being allowed to retain our blankets, overcoats, and indeed all that we had with us, excepting, of course, our arms and equipments. I saw but one instance of robbery at the beginning, and that was by an officer, evidently in a state of intoxication. Riding up to one of our boys, he drew his sword and demanded his watch, Here we wrote hasty letters to our friends, which we hoped by some good fortune to send to them, on the route, or at least at the end of our march"

"On the morning of the 21st we awoke to new experiences. Instead of the calls to which we had been wont to listen, and the labor we had been accustomed to perform, we were but passive beings, subject to the will of a conqueror. In the early part of the day, rations were issued to us for four days, consisting of twenty-five hard crackers, and about two pounds of raw salt pork each. They were from the provisions taken with the town, and consequently were of good quality, although we. did not particularly relish taking from their hands what, a few hours previously we had counted our own, but we remembered that Prisoner, like beggars mustn't be chooses. Our own regiment was over 400 strong, and the whole number captured at the surrender 2,197, so that we were quite a company doomed to the miseries of rebeldom."

"About noon we took up our line of march for the interior of Secesia, and kept on until nine in the evening, making a distance of seventeen miles, having passed through the villages of Foster's Mills and Jamesville.... At night our stopping place was in a corn-field by the road and our bed the places between the furrows.... Now, with wet, cold feet gained by fording many a creek through the day, our situation was not very enviable...."

"The next day we marched, with very little rest, until half past one when we arrived at Williamstown, N.C. Here we were conducted to a large pine grove by the road side and allowed to rest quite a little time...."

"On the first of May they arrived in Charleston. In the forenoon of the day they were taken to another train. We were put on platform cars, a position in which to enjoy fresh air, besides an opportunity to ... survey the scenery as we passed along".

"We left this city, having Savannah, in Georgia for our next destination, while crossing the railroad bridge we had a glimpse of Fort Sumter.... We made quite good time, but just before the end of our route we were overtaken by a rain storm which proved slightly inconvenient in our unsheltered condition."

"At Savannah we changed cars for Andersonville.... But thirty-five were put into a car this time, thus giving us room for the requisite expansion for comfort and a space in which to rest, which we gladly improved. We traveled one hundred miles that night upon the Georgia Central road.... The train stopped quite a long while, and we were allowed to wash in a brook nearby; to receive very good rations.... At 4 P.M. we arrived in Macon, a very beautiful city, built upon high ground, and in general appearance much resembling Hartford, Ct. We had a very good view of it as we approached it upon the cars."

"We stopped two hours at Macon, and surely *ignorance is bliss*, for had we known the fearful sights that were shortly to meet our gaze, reluctance to proceed would have been doubly sure."

"At nine o'clock we arrived Andersonville the station as there no village, and the prison is nearly a mile out from this. This place, so notorious in the history of the war, it situated in Sumter Co, about sixty-five miles south from Macon, and fifty from State line from Alabama. We were counted as we left the cars, and then marched assort distance from the depot, where we remained all night."

Robert Kellogg describes his initial reaction to seeing the prison. "We were aroused from our slumber the next morning at an early hour, and called to submit to the orders of a bustling officer, dressed in Captain's uniform who did his work with a great deal of swearing and threatening, dividing us into messes of ninety men each, each mess to be in charge of a sergeant. who should call the roll every morning, draw the rations, and receive an extra one himself for his trouble.... Thus classed, and our names taken, we were marched off to the prison. As we came near it, we found it to consist of twelve or fifteen acres of ground, enclosed by a high stockade of hewed pine logs, closely guarded by numerous sentinels, who stood in elevated boxes overlooking the camp."

"As we entered the place a spectacle met our eyes that almost froze our blood with horror, and made our hearts fail within us. Before us were forms that had once been active and erect; stalwart men; now nothing but mere walking skeletons, covered with filth and vermin. Many of our men, in the heat and intensity of their feelings, exclaimed with earnestness of their feelings, "can this be hell?" God protect us."



They were cautioned by those who had been there for some time, to beware of "dead line." All around the inside of the prison was a railing and if anyone trespassed beyond the line was shot by one of the sentinels. They wanted to shoot any "damned Yankee."

Rations were scarce, lice was on their clothing, and gangs of Union soldiers robbed or murdered their fellow prisoners. Cleanliness was impossible due to a swamp in the middle of the grounds, death was almost a daily event. Life was maintained with miserably poor corn bread and small bits of boiled bacon.

Kellogg continues to tell about prison and the many prisoners who died there. There were not any coffins so the bodies were carried out and dumped in to burial pits.

Word Doc: 16th Battle Capture and Imprisonment by R H Kellogg



Landscape Turned Red:

A New York Soldier at Antietam

In September 1862, David L. Thompson was a Private in Company G, **9th Regiment** ("Hawkins' Zouaves") New York Volunteers. His Regiment, led by LCol. Edgar A. Kimball, was part of MGen. Burnside's Ninth Corps on the far left of the Union line along Antietam Creek. The regiment had quietly marched into position on the heights overlooking the east bank of the stream late on the night of 16 September.

Although up early on the 17th, they did not move to the attack until after the bridge over the creek (later called the Burnside Bridge) had been carried by the 51st NY and 51st PA Regiments at about 1 PM. They were then part of Burnside's drive toward the town of Sharpsburg between about 3 and 4:30 PM.

The following account was written by Pvt Thompson about 20 years after the war for Century Magazine, and was later reprinted in Battles and Leaders (see **Sources**). Although the experience of a common soldier in battle may not be much for "grand strategy", it does give you an inside view that no General's report can match. I particularly like his concluding paragraph about the realities of human instinct under fire.

Before the Combat

...so the morning wore away and the fighting on the right [in the Cornfield and West Woods] ceased entirely. That was fresh anxiety - the scales were turning perhaps, but which way? About noon the battle began afresh. This must have been Franklin's men of the Sixth Corps, for the firing was nearer, and they came up behind the center [in the Sunken Road]. Suddenly a stir beginning far upon the right, and running like a wave along the line, brought the regiment to its feet. A silence fell on every one at once, for each felt that the momentous 'now' had come. Just as we started I saw, with a little shock, a line-officer take out his watch to note the hour, as though the affair beyond the creek were a business appointment which he was going to keep.

When we reached the brow of the hill the fringe of trees along the creek screened the fighting entire, and we were deployed as skirmishers under their cover. We sat there two hours. All that time the rest of corps had been moving over the stone bridge and going into position on the other side of the creek. Then were ordered over a ford which had been found below the bridge, where the water was waist deep. One man was shot in mid-stream.

On "Going In"

At the foot of the slope on the opposite side the line was formed and we moved up through the thin woods. Reaching the level we lay down behind a battery which seemed to have been disabled. There, if anywhere, I should have remembered that I was soaking wet from my waist down. So great was the excitement, however, that I have never been able to recall it. Here some of the men, going to the rear for water, discovered in the ashes of some hay-ricks which had been fired by our shells the charred remains of several Confederates. After long waiting it became noised along the line that we were to take a [Confederate] battery that was at work several hundred yards ahead on the top of a hill. This narrowed the field and brought us to consider the work before us more attentively.

Right across our front, two hundred feet or so away, ran a country road bordered on each side by a snake fence. Beyond this road stretched a plowed field several hundred feet in length, sloping up to the battery which was hidden in a corn field. A stone fence, breast-high, inclosed the field on the left, and behind it lay a regiment of Confederates, who would be directly on our flank if we should attempt the slope. The prospect was far from encouraging, but the order came to get ready for the attempt. Our knapsacks were left on the ground behind us.

At the word a rush was made for the fences. The line was so disordered by the time the second fence was passed that we hurried forward to a shallow undulation a few feet ahead, and lay down among the furrows to re-form, doing so by crawling up into line. A hundred feet or so ahead was a similar undulation to which we ran for a second shelter. The battery, which at first had not seemed to notice us, now, apprised of its danger, opened fire upon us. We were getting ready now for the charge proper, but were still lying on our faces. Lieutenant-Colonel Kimball was ramping up and down the line. The discreet regiment behind the fence was silent. Now and then a bullet from them cut the air over our head, but generally they were reserving their fire for that better show which they knew they would get in a few minutes. The battery, however, whose shots at first went over our heads, had depressed its guns so as to shave the surface of the ground. Its fire was beginning to tell.

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I remember looking behind and seeing an officer riding diagonally across the field - - a most inviting target - - instinctively bending his head down over his horse's neck, as though he were riding through driving rain. While my eye was on him I saw, between me and him a rolled overcoat with its straps on bound into the air and fall among the furrows. One of the enemy's grape-shot had plowed a groove in the skull of a young fellow and had cut his overcoat from his shoulders. He never stirred from his position, but lay there face downward, a dreadful spectacle. A moment after, I heard a man cursing a comrade for lying on him heavily. He was cursing a dying man.

As the range grew better, the firing became more rapid, the situation desperate and exasperating to the last degree. Human nature was on the rack, and there burst forth from it the most vehement, terrible swearing I have ever heard. Certainly the joy of conflict was not ours that day.

The suspense was only for a moment, however, for the order to charge came just after. Whether the regiment was thrown into disorder or not, I never knew. I only remember that as we rose, and started all the [Confederate] fire that had been held back so long was loosed. In a second the air was full of the hiss of bullets and the hurtle of grape-shot. The mental strain was so great that I saw at that moment the singular effect mentioned, I think, in the life of Goethe on a similar occasion - - the whole landscape for an instant turned slightly red. I see again, as I saw it then in a flash, a man just in front of me drop his musket and throw up his hands, stung into vigorous swearing by a bullet behind the ear. Many men fell going up the hill, but it seemed to be all over in a moment, and I found myself passing a hollow where a dozen wounded men lay - - among them our sergeant-major who was calling me to come down. He had caught sight of the blanket rolled across my back, and called me to unroll it and help to carry from the field one of our wounded lieutenants.

Afterwards

When I returned from obeying this summons, the Regiment was not to be seen. It had gone in on the run, what there was left of it, and had disappeared in the cornfield about the battery. There was nothing to do but lie there and await developments... we lay there til dusk - perhaps an hour, when the fighting ceased. During that hour, while the bullets snipped the leaves from a young locust tree growing at the edge of the hollow and powdered us with the fragments, we had time to speculate on many things - among others on the impatience with which men clamor, in dull times, to be led into a fight.

We heard all through the war that the army was "eager to be led against the enemy." It must have been so, for truthfull correspondents said so, and editors confirmed it. But when you came to hunt for this particular itch, it was always the next regiment that had it. The truth is, when bullets are whacking against tree trunks and solid shot are cracking skulls like egg shells, the consuming passion in the breast of the average man is to get out of the way. Between the physical fear of going forward, and the moral fear of going back, there is a predicament of exceptional awkwardness from which a hidden hole in the ground would be a wonderfully welcome outlet.

Of the 600 men of the 9th NY who crossed the Antietam that afternoon, Thompson reports that 45 were killed outright, and another 176 were wounded. Thompson himself and a number of others of his Regiment were captured that evening by members of the 15th Georgia Regiment, who held that part of the field at battle's end. He eventually reached Richmond's Libby Prison, where he spent just nine days before being paroled to Annapolis and then home. He was officially exchanged about three weeks later, which meant that, as he says it, "I was once again, legally and technically, food for powder."

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Child of Joanna Hillyer and Amos Wilcoxson is:

3. i. <u>Joanna Wilcox</u> was born 26 MAY 1740 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, and died 17 DEC 1812 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. She married <u>Job Case</u> ABT 1757 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, son of John B. Case and Abigail Humphreys. He was born 3 JUN 1737 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, and died 6 OCT 1798 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 4

- 8. <u>John Case</u>, <u>Jr.</u> was born 5 NOV 1662, and died 1733. He was the son of 16. <u>John Case</u> and 17. <u>Sarah Spencer</u>.
- 9. Sarah Holecomb was born 23 JAN 1667/68.

Child of Sarah Holecomb and John Case, Jr. is:

4. i. <u>John B. Case</u> was born 22 AUG 1694 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, and died 2 DEC 1752 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. He married <u>Abigail Humphreys</u> 24 JAN 1715/16 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. She was born 1697 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, and died 17 MAR 1760 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 5

- 16. <u>John Case</u> was born 1616 in Aylesham, England, and died 21 FEB 1703/04 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.
- 17. Sarah Spencer was born ABT 1635, and died 3 NOV 1691.

Children of Sarah Spencer and John Case are:

- i. Elizabeth Case was born 1658.
- ii. Mary Case was born 22 JUN 1662.
- 3. iii. <u>John Case</u>, <u>Jr.</u> was born 5 NOV 1662, and died 1733. He married <u>Mary Olcott</u> 12 SEP 1684. She was born UNKNOWN, and died 1685. He married Sarah Holecomb 1693. She was born 23 JAN 1667/68.
 - iv. William Case was born 5 JUN 1665, and died 31 MAR 1700 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. He married Elizabeth Holecomb 1688 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. She was born 4 APR 1670 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, and died 26 FEB 1762 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.
 - v. Samuel Case was born 1 JUN 1667, and died 30 JUL 1725.
 - vi. Richard Case was born 27 AUG 1669, and died 1746.
 - vii. Bartholomew Case was born OCT 1670 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.
 - viii. <u>Joseph Case</u> was born 6 APR 1674 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, and died 11 AUG 1748.
 - ix. Sarah Case was born 14 AUG 1676.
 - x. Abigail Case was born 4 MAY 1682.

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Alonzo's statement for his fathers pension

Summary:
Job Case Request for
Oliver Case's Pension

Job Case filed for the pension of **Oliver Case**, his youngest son, on January 15, 1883. Two of his friends, **A. L. F. Thurston and Thomas Adams**, were identifying witnesses and stated they are acquainted with him and knew that he was the father of Oliver.

The claimants, Job and his wife Abagail, stated that they were the father and mother of the soldier who died leaving no widow or children surviving him.

Also, identifying witnesses, Lewis Tallmadge and Rachel Tallmadge, swore that they had been acquainted with the claimants and the deceased for seven years: that they knew the claimants to be the father and mother of the soldier and that the soldier died leaving no widow or child surviving him.

The quarterly return of deceased soldiers reported **Oliver C. Case,** Co. A, 8th Conn. Vols. Was killed in the battle at Antietam, Md, Sept.17, 1863 (sic) [actually he was killed in 1862].

At Simsbury, Connecticut, County of Hartford Alonzo G. Case aged 54 and residence and post office in Simsbury, Hartford Co., Conn prepared a General Affidavit on April 10th, 1889.

In it he stated that **Job Case** lost all his property in 1860 and has not owned any since. **Oliver C. Case**, his only unmarried son went into service in 1862 (sic) [actually he went into service in 1861]. In July, 1862 his two remaining sons went into service and were in the battle of Antietam where **Oliver Case** was killed.

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"When **Job Case** lost his property in 1860 he was obliged to leave the house where he and his father were born and so in 1866 after my return from the service I with mother's help bought back the old homestead so they might return to it and die there. We had but little money. Mother had about \$240 that she got from her father. We mortgaged it heavely

(sic) and having bought it at a high price it is not worth today more than the mortgage and would be glad to get it off my hands but cannot until the death of Job Case. Mother died in July 1877. Father was very sick in summer of 1863 in July, August & Sept. I came home on leave in Sept. They wrote me he would never be any better. He had Rhumatism (sic) so he is all bowed over and has not been able to work hard since he has scarcly (sic) had a Doctor since and works every day. But I do not think he has done enough for five years to pay his board. I am now the only living son and I am poor and broken down in health since my prison life of 10 months and 10 days."

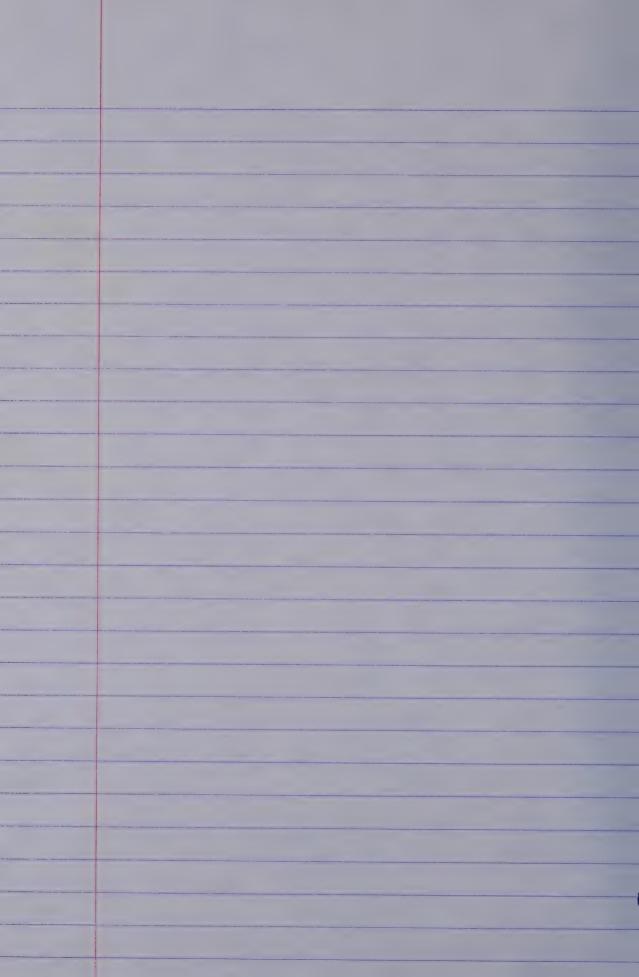
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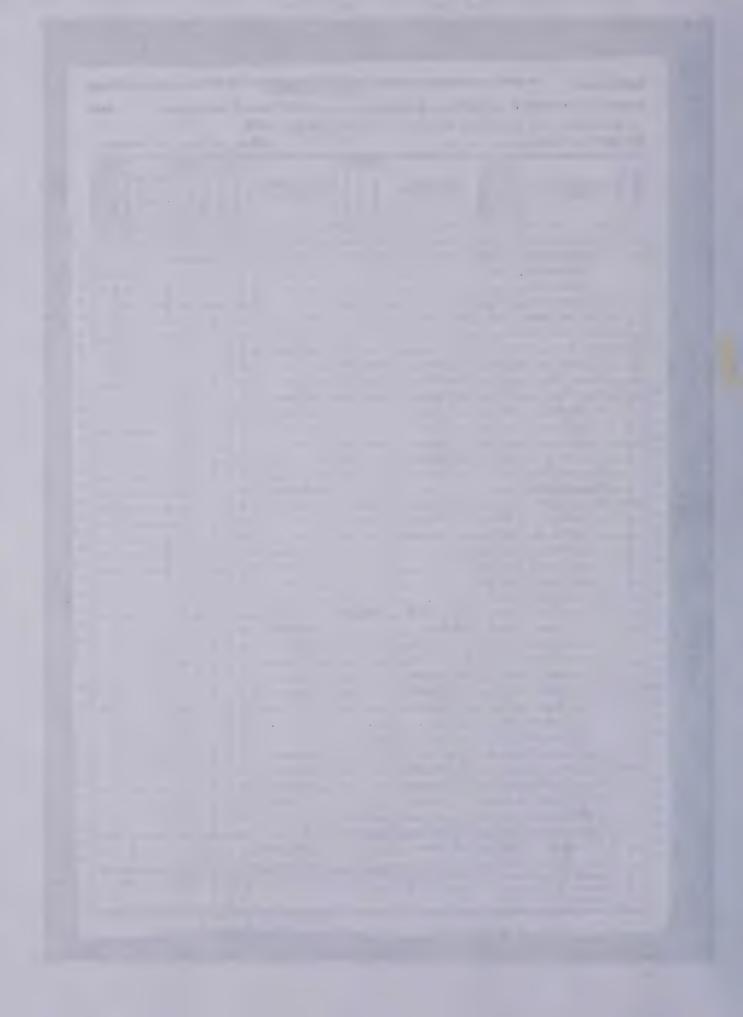
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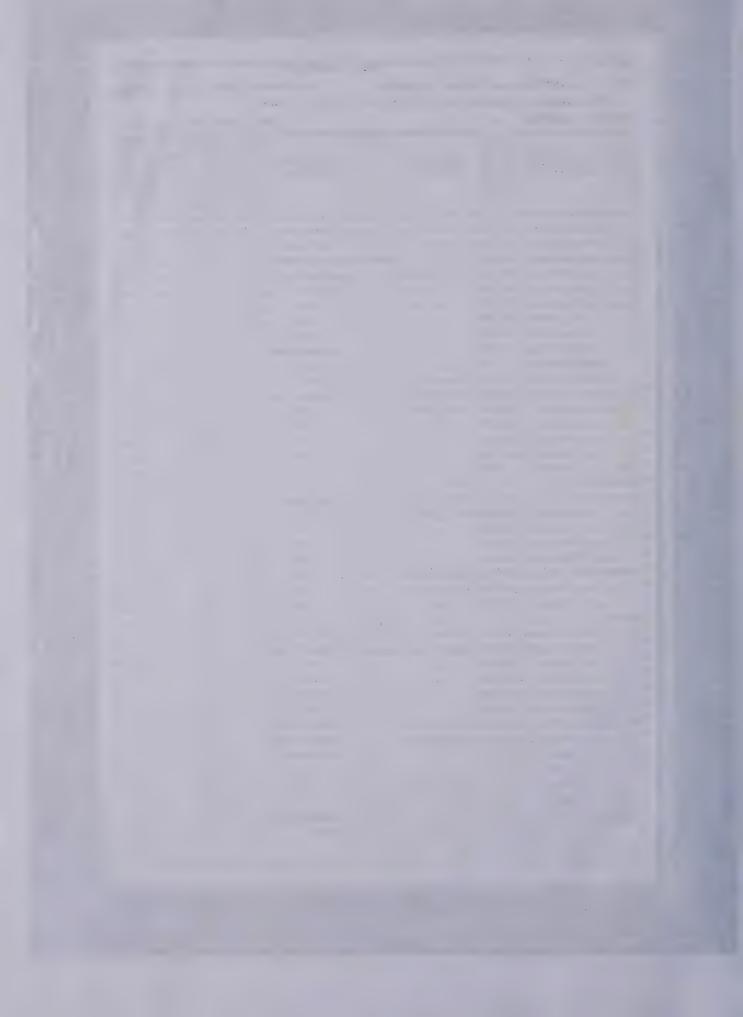
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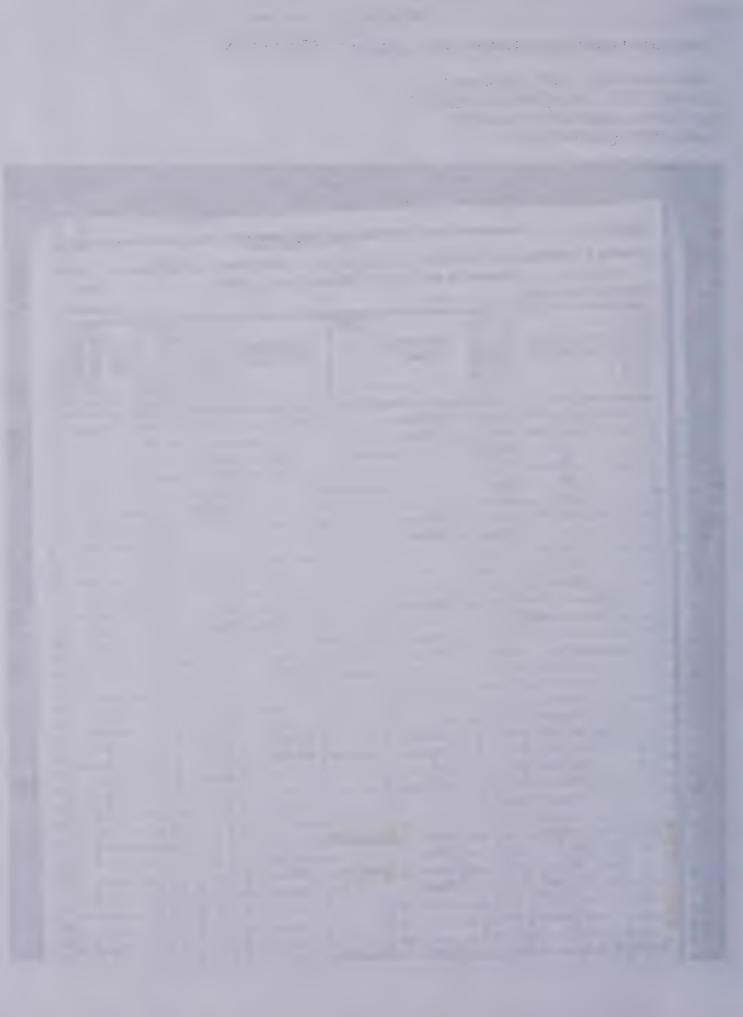
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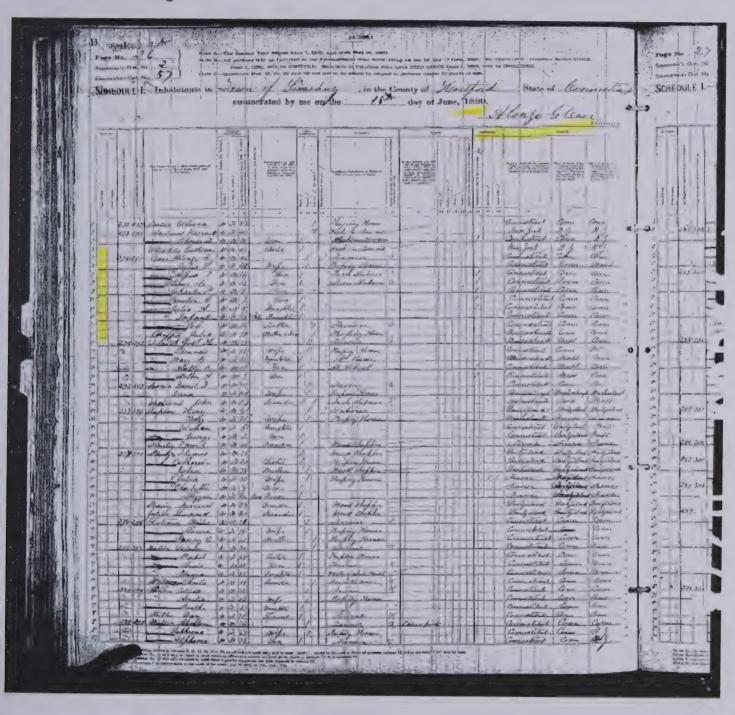


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CASE, ALONZO G. (1880 U.S. Census)

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Age: 46, Race: WHITE, Born: CT Series: T9 Roll: 100 Page: 587





Abby Jane Case

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Born in Simsbury, Hartford, Connecticut, USA on 1846 to <u>Job</u>

<u>Case</u> and <u>Abigail Griswold Phelps</u>. Abby Jane married <u>George Mortimer</u>

<u>Phelps</u> and had a child. She passed away on 1935.

Family Members

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Oliver Cromwell Case Died September 17, 1862

Grave Marker located in the Antietam Battlefield Cemetery Near Sharpsburg, MD



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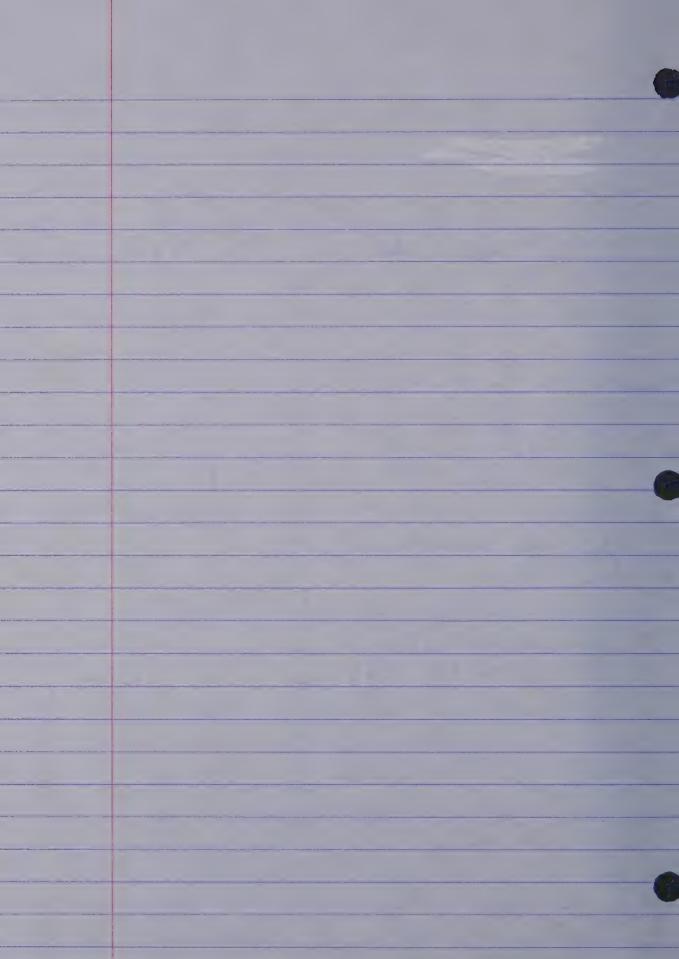
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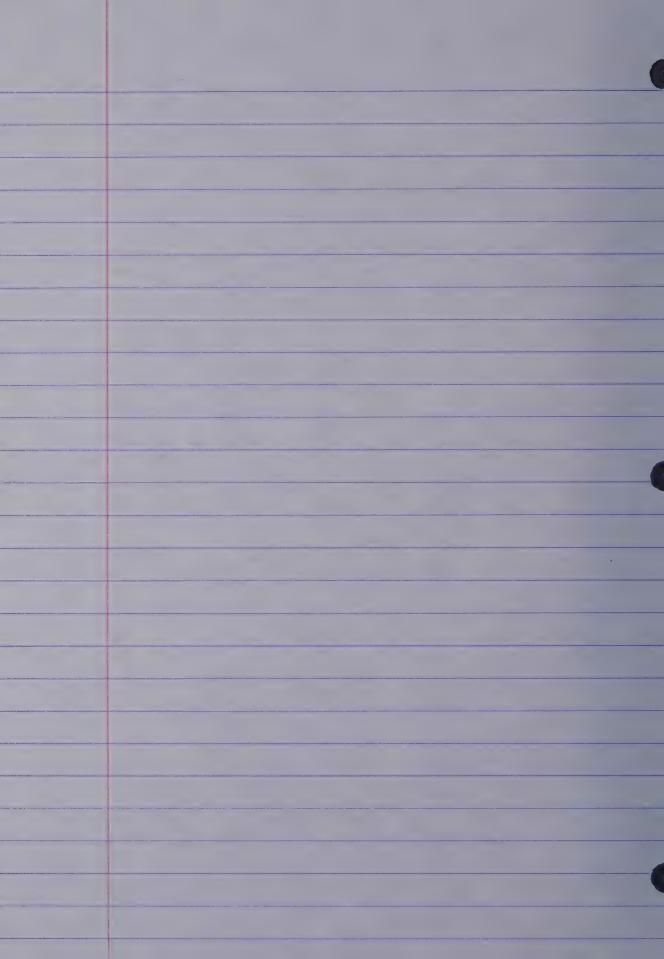
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Federal Regiment

8th Connecticut Infantry

Organized: Hartford, CT; mustered in Fall 1861 Disbanded/Mustered out: Hartford, CT 12/12/1865

Commanding Officers:

LCol. Hiram Appelman Maj. John E. Ward

Members of Interest:

Pvt. Charles S. Buell, Co. E [diarist]; Lt. Henry C. Hall, Co. I [letter writer]

Statistics for Maryland Campaign

Initial Strength: 400 Killed in Action (KIA): 34 Wounded (WIA): 139 Losses, % of Initial Strength: 43.3%

Maps Showing this Unit:

Detail Map #10: Rodman's Division Crosses at Snavely's Ford Detail Map #11: Burnside Climbs Toward Sharpsburg Detail Map #12: AP Hill Hits Burnside's Flank

Battlefield Tablets for this Unit:

Tablet #56: Ninth Army Corps - 15 Sep, 7 AM to 16 Sep, 3 PM
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Tablet #70, cont: Ninth Army Corps - 17 Sep, 3 PM to 17 Sep, 5 PM
Tablet #65: Rodman's Division, Ninth Army Corps - 17 Sep, 5 AM to 17 Sep, 5 PM
Tablet #70: Ninth Army Corps - 17 Sep, 7 AM to 17 Sep, 3 PM
Tablet #57: Ninth Army Corps - 17 Sep, 7 AM to 17 Sep, 5 PM
Tablet #67: Harland's Brigade, Rodman's Division - 17 Sep, 7 AM to 17 Sep, 5 PM

This Regiment's Chain of Command:

Army - Army of the Potomac Corps - Ninth (IX) Army Corps Division - 3rd Division, IX Corps Brigade - 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, IX Corps

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History of the Unit:

In response to President Lincoln's call to the states, the regiment was one of those organized in Hartford in the fall of 1861, a few months after the war began with the firing on Fort Sumter.

Company "G" initially had nearly eighty men from Stonington, under the command of Captain Hiram Appelman of Stonington, and with Stonington lieutenants Thomas Sheffield, Henry Morgan, and Andrew Morgan.



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16 OCT 1862

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Father:

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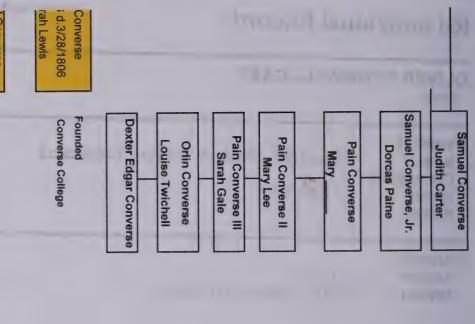
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Mother:

ABIGAIL GRISWOLD PHELPS

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Oliver Case¹
b. 1840, d. 17 September 1862
Pop-up Pedigree

Oliver Case was born in 1840. He was the son of <u>Job Case</u> and <u>Abigail</u> <u>Griswold Phelps.</u> Oliver Case died on 17 September 1862 at Antietam.

Oliver was in the 8th Regt. Co. A., Conn. Volunteers.²

Citations

- 1. [S354] Martha Eunice Ensign Nelson, Ensign Record, Page 136.
- 2. [S354] Martha Eunice Ensign Nelson, Ensign Record.

Job Case was born on 29 July 1805 at Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. He was the son of <u>Capt. Ariel Case</u> and <u>Rachel Lattimer</u>. Job Case married <u>Abigail Griswold Phelps</u>, daughter of <u>Maj. Oliver Cromwell Phelps</u> and <u>Lurannah Ensign</u>, on 17 April 1828 at First Church, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. Job Case died on 17 December 1899 at Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, at age 94. He was buried at Hopmeadow Cemetery, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.

Children of Job Case and Abigail Griswold Phelps

- Rachel S. Case² b. Feb 1829, d. 5 Jul 1830
- · Ariel Job Case+ b. 3 Jun 1831, d. 18 Sep 1875
- Alonzo Grove Case+3 b. 7 Jun 1834, d. 5 May 1902
- o Oliver Case² b. 1840, d. 17 Sep 1862
- · Abigail Jane Case b. 11 Aug 1846

Citations

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1860 United States Federal Census:

Job Case (54 yo) the father, was a farmer with \$2,000 in real property and \$100 in personal property

Abigale [Phelps] (54yo) wife of Job and the mother was keeping house

Oliver (20yo son) Laborer

Abbie (13 yo daugh) and attending school

Abigale Phelps (78yo) Job's mother-in-law

Ariel J. Case (28yo) was horse Breeder

Mary [Thompson] (24YO) wife of Ariel and keep House

Elisie (6 yo daugh) and attending school

Charles (2 yo son)

Julia (1 mo old daugh)

Margarette D (22 yo female Servant)

Alonso G. Case (25 yo) was a farmer with real property \$140

Julia (21 yo) wife of Alonso and keeping house

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Alpheus Chaffee (65 yo) was a farmer with \$3,500 real property and 400 in personal property

Julia Chaffee (50 yo) female keeping house

James _____ (11 yo) born in NY and attending school

1870 United States Federal Census:

Job Case (64 yo) was a farmer With \$3,400 in real estate and \$400 personal Estate
Abigail [Thompson] (65 yo) female keeping house

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Ariel J. Case (37 yo) was a Book Agent

Mary (36 yo) female keeping house

Lizzie (15 yo) daugh

Charles (12 yo) son

Julia A (10 yo) daugh

Oliver C. (8 yo) son

1880 United States Federal Census:

Alonzo Case (48 yo was a farmer

Julia [Chaffee] (40 yo) female Keeping House

Alfred (14 yo) son Farm Laborer



Oliver C (12 yo) son working asFarm Laborer Charles P. (9 yo) son Burton (7 yo) son Julia (5 yo) daugh Infant (3 mos) latter named Ida May Case Julia Chaffee (70 yo) Mother in Law Keeping House Job Case (74 yo) Father Farmer

Mary's husband Ariel Job Case died in Columbusw, Ohio in September 1875

Mary E Case (45 yo) Keeping House Charles F. (22 yo) son working as Clerk in Store Julia A. (20 yo) Daug Oliver C (17 yo) son working as Clerk in Store



Job Case Father of Artel Glivar & great grand Father Brithe To John Cole II



Family Group Sheet

Husband: Job CASE Born: 3 JUN 1737 at: Simsbury, Harford Co., CT Married: Died: 6 MAY 1798 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT Father: John CASE Mother: Abigail HUMPHREY Other Spouses: Wife: Joanna WILCOX Born: 26 MAY 1740 at: Died: 17 DEC 1812 at: Father: Amos WILCOX Mother: Joanna HILLYER Other Spouses: CHILDREN Name: Job CASE, JR. Born: 27 JUL 1758 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT Married: 21 APR 1784 at: Simsbury First Congregational Church, Simsbury, CT Died: 23 AUG 1822 at: Granville, Licking Co., Ohio Spouses: Mary HOLCOMB Elizabeth? CLEMENS Name: Joanna CASE Born: 9 AUG 1760 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT Married: 12 MAR 1778 at: Simsbury, Hartford, CT Died: at: Ohio Spouses: Israel CASE Name: Violet CASE Born: 19 OCT 1762 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT Married: at: Died: at: Spouses: Name: Ariel CASE Born: 23 JAN 1765 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT Married: at: Simsbury First Church, Simsbury, CT Died: 19 SEP 1827 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT Rachel LATTIMER Spouses: Celia HUMPHREY Name: Lucy CASE Born: 14 FEB 1767 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT Married: 24 AUG 1783 Died: 25 FEB 1795 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT Spouses: Amasa HUMPHREY Name: Asenath CASE

at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT

at: Simsbury, Hartford, CT

at:

Born: 12 JUN 1770

Married: 31 JAN 1786

Died: 1795





Name: Luke CASE

Born: 1 JUL 1772 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT

Married: 6 SEP 1796 at:

Died: 25 JAN 1806 at: Winsted, Litchfield Co., CT

Spouses: Elizabeth ADAMS

Name: Betsey CASE

Born: 23 DEC 1775 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT

at:

Married: MAR 1794

Died: at:

Spouses: Matthew ADAMS

Name: Frederick CASE

Born: 5 MAY 1777 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT

Married: 20 JAN 1803 at: Winchester, CT Church

Died: at: Ohio

Spouses: Anna W. CHAMBERLIN

Name: Grove CASE

Born: 29 JUN 1779 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT

Married: 2 MAY 1799 at: Simsbury, CT

Died: 4 APR 1836 at: Ohio

Spouses: Lucinda ADAMS

Name: Friend CASE

Born: 10 NOV 1781 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT

Married: BET. 6 JAN 1802 - 1803at: Simsbury, CT

Died: 22 JUN 1840 at: Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT

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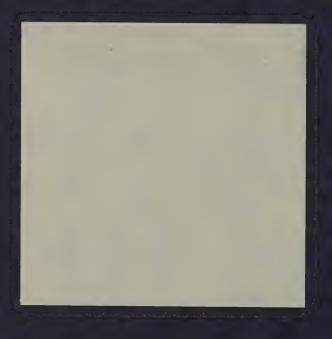
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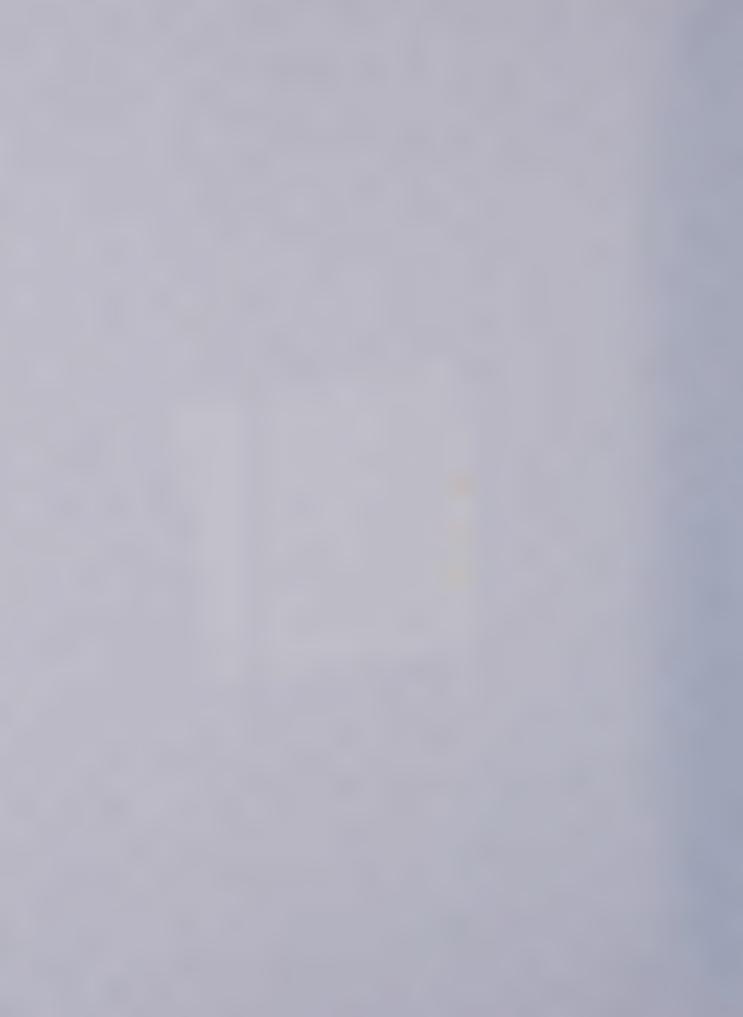
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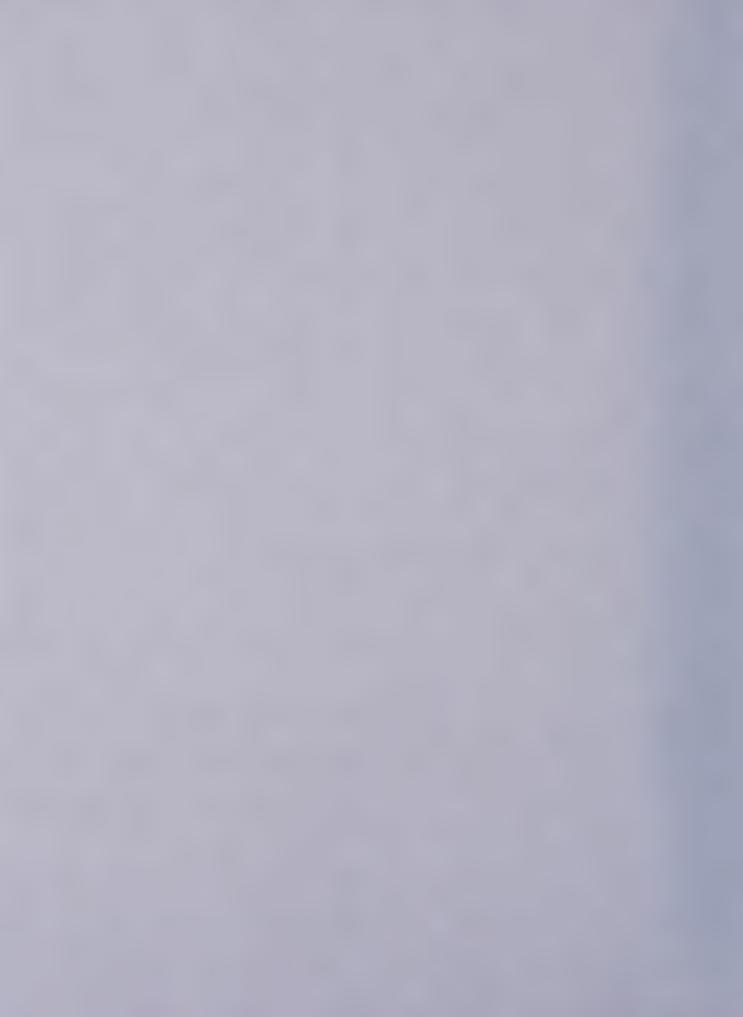


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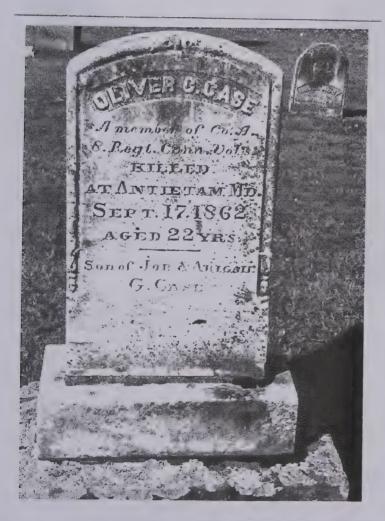
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Family links:

Children:

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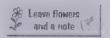


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Simsbury, Hartford, CT

Mother: Joanna Wilcox b: 26 MAY 1740 in

Simsbury, Hartford, CT

Married: 1) Celia Humphrey b: 14 APR 1771 Married: in Simsbury First Congregational

Church, Simsbury, CT

Married: 2) Rachel Lattimer b: ABT 1765 Married: 31 JAN 1786 in Simsbury, Hartford, CT Note: Married by Dudley Pettibone, Justice Of

The Peace.

Children

Rachel Lury Case b: 30 DEC 1796 Job Case b: 29 JUL 1805

Family links: Spouses:

> Celia Humphrey Case (_ - 1853)*

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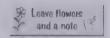
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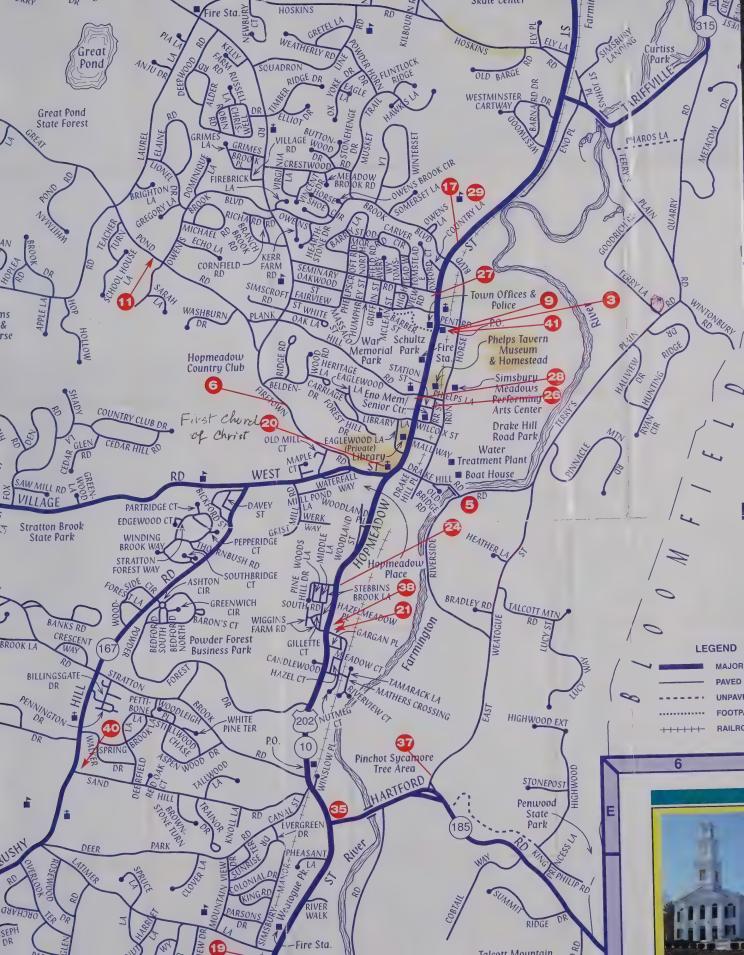
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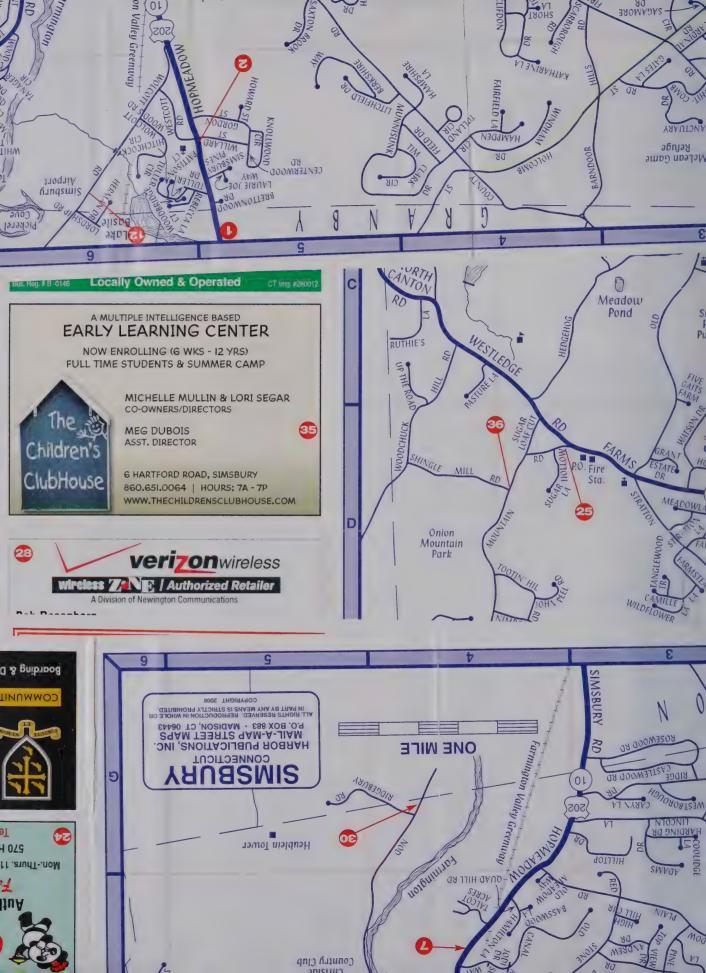
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Schools: Westminster School (C5); Ethel Walker School (E3); The Master's School (C2); High school (D4); junior high school (C4); five elementary schools (A7, B5, C5, D2,

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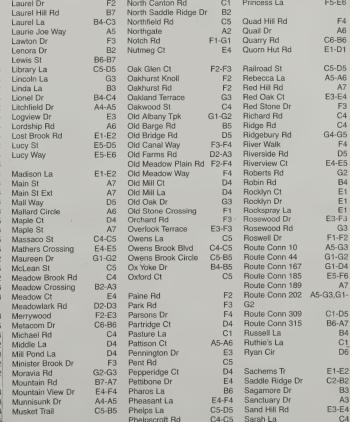
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